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

(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 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

SAMPLE

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

SAMPLE

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 6
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

RICHARD HARDAWAY
Democratic Party

WRITE-IN

ROSS TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

ANGELA GUERNSEY
Democratic Party

ROSS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

MYESHA JONES
Democratic Party

ROSS 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.

WILLIAM (WILL) AKINS, JR
Democratic Party

REMELL (MEL) BRYANT
Democratic Party

CURTIS L (CP) PEARSON
Democratic Party

ROGER AULT
Republican Party

SAMPLE

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS

MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION DISTRICT 1

Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

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

JUDY C DUNLAP
Democratic Party

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

MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION DISTRICT 2

Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

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

RAMEEN JACKSON
Democratic Party

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