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

PUBLIC QUESTION #3
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall School City of Whiting increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of funding and sustaining educational and operational stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue, supporting essential health and safety services, including retaining and employing school resource officers, attracting and retaining teachers and staff, maintaining class sizes, and funding academic and student support programs to meet the educational needs of all students, by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed $0.3372 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $2,500,000? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $250,000 the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $383 per year. The most recent operating referendum public question proposed by the school corporation was held in 2023 and failed.

YES

NO

SAMPLE

PUBLIC QUESTION #4
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

Shall School City of Whiting increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than twenty-three years for the purpose of funding the School City of Whiting 2026 Student Facilities, Safety, and Transportation Improvement Project which includes health, safety, and security upgrades to all school facilities; renovation and improvements and the potential construction of additions to student learning environments at all school buildings; upgrades to school buildings to support technology-ready classrooms; and construction of and improvements to athletic and support facilities and performing arts and music facilities, including a band room, together with the purchase of equipment, technology and buses, and student safety improvements for which the principal debt amount for the project will cost no more than $39,305,000 and the financing cost including interest and fees will cost no more than an additional $28,810,000 and is estimated to increase the property taxes paid to the School Corporation by imposing a property tax rate that results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $3,500,000. If this capital referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $250,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by $530 per year.

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 01
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

CAROLYN B JACKSON
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 COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 5
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

CHRISTINE CID
Democratic Party

SAMPLE

NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Vote For One (1) Only

0 selected, incomplete

ADRIAN SANTOS
Democratic Party

NORTH 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.

KELLY BRIDGES
Democratic Party

RICHARD J NOVAK
Democratic Party

LISA SALINAS-MATONOVICH
Democratic Party

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING 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.

PATRICIA HERBST
Democratic Party

CHRISTOPHER DAVENPORT
Independent

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