

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
GENERAL ELECTION  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

To vote, fill in the oval on the ballot card that corresponds to the number assigned to your selection on this candidate list.

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GENERAL

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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

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.)

16 YES

17 NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #2  
Vote For One (1) Only

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 25

NO 26

(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

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Democratic Party

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Republican Party

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Libertarian Party

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Lincoln Party

#### SECRETARY OF STATE Vote For One (1) Only

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BEAU BAYH

Democratic Party

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MAX ENGLING

Republican Party

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LAURI A SHILLINGS

Libertarian Party

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GREG BALLARD

Lincoln Party

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WRITE-IN

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

JESSICA BAILEY 63

Democratic Party

ELISE NIESHALLA 64

Republican Party

JOHN SCHICK 65

Libertarian Party

#### TREASURER OF STATE Vote For One (1) Only

COUMBA KEBE 67

Democratic Party

DANIEL ELLIOTT 68

Republican Party

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

FRANK J MRVAN 71

Democratic Party

BARB REGNITZ 72

Republican Party

WRITE-IN 73

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14 Vote For One (1) Only

VERNON G SMITH 76

Democratic Party

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

BERNARD A CARTER 80

Democratic Party

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK  
Vote For One (1) Only

82 MIKE BROWN  
Democratic Party

83 LESLIE DALLNER  
Republican Party

COUNTY AUDITOR  
Vote For One (1) Only

85 REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL  
Democratic Party

86 CHARLES (CHUCK) MESSLER  
Republican Party

COUNTY TREASURER  
Vote For One (1) Only

88 JOHN E PETALAS  
Democratic Party

89 KEVIN B DEANE  
Republican Party

COUNTY SHERIFF  
Vote For One (1) Only

91 JERRY WILLIAMS  
Democratic Party

92 DAVID K CRANE, JR  
Republican Party

COUNTY ASSESSOR  
Vote For One (1) Only

94 LATONYA SPEARMAN  
Democratic Party

COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT 1  
Vote For One (1) Only

97 KYLE ALLEN, SR  
Democratic Party

98 WILL MILLER  
Republican Party

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

RICHARD HARDAWAY 103  
Democratic Party

WRITE-IN 104

ROSS TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
Vote For One (1) Only

ANGELA GUERNSEY 106  
Democratic Party

ROSS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE  
Vote For One (1) Only

MYESHA JONES 108  
Democratic Party

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER  
Vote for not more than Three (3) candidates for  
this office

\*\*\*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 113  
Democratic Party

REMELL (MEL) BRYANT 114  
Democratic Party

CURTIS L (CP) PEARSON 115  
Democratic Party

ROGER AULT 116  
Republican Party

MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
CORPORATION  
DISTRICT 1  
Vote For One (1) Only

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

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**125 JUDY C DUNLAP**  
Democratic Party

MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
CORPORATION  
DISTRICT 2  
Vote For One (1) Only

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

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**129 RAMEEN JACKSON**  
Democratic Party

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

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be retained in office?

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YES 145

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NO 146

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

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained in office?

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YES 150

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NO 151

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

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be retained in office?

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YES 154

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NO 155

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

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

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164 YES

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165 NO

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

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

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169 YES

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170 NO

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

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

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174 YES

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175 NO

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Precinct ID: 248

Precinct Name: MER 01

Activation ID: 01

Activation: GENERAL

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