

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

50  Democratic Party

51  Republican Party

52  Libertarian Party

53  Lincoln Party

SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote For One (1) Only

56 **BEAU BAYH**
Democratic Party

57 **MAX ENGLING**
Republican Party

58 **LAURI A SHILLINGS**
Libertarian Party

59 **GREG BALLARD**
Lincoln Party

60 **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 SENATOR
DISTRICT 1
Vote For One (1) Only

SCOTT HOULDIESON 76
Democratic Party

TREVOR G DE VRIES 77
Republican Party

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 14
Vote For One (1) Only

83 VERNON G SMITH
Democratic Party

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

87 BERNARD A CARTER
Democratic Party

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote For One (1) Only

89 MIKE BROWN
Democratic Party

90 LESLIE DALLNER
Republican Party

COUNTY AUDITOR
Vote For One (1) Only

92 REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL
Democratic Party

93 CHARLES (CHUCK) MESSLER
Republican Party

COUNTY TREASURER
Vote For One (1) Only

95 JOHN E PETALAS
Democratic Party

96 KEVIN B DEANE
Republican Party

COUNTY SHERIFF
Vote For One (1) Only

98 JERRY WILLIAMS
Democratic Party

99 DAVID K CRANE, JR
Republican Party

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

LATONYA SPEARMAN 102
Democratic Party

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 1
Vote For One (1) Only

KYLE ALLEN, SR 105
Democratic Party

WILL MILLER 106
Republican Party

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

RICHARD HARDAWAY 109
Democratic Party

WRITE-IN 110

ROSS TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
Vote For One (1) Only

ANGELA GUERNSEY 112
Democratic Party

ROSS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Vote For One (1) Only

MYESHA JONES 114
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.***

125 WILLIAM (WILL) AKINS, JR
Democratic Party

126 REMELL (MEL) BRYANT
Democratic Party

127 CURTIS L (CP) PEARSON
Democratic Party

128 ROGER AULT
Republican Party

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

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.***

JUDY C DUNLAP 145
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.***

RAMEEN JACKSON 149
Democratic Party

JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS

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

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be retained in office?

165 YES

166 NO

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

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained in office?

170 YES

171 NO

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

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be retained in office?

174 YES

175 NO

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?

YES 184

NO 185

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?

YES 189

NO 190

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?

YES 194

NO 195

Precinct ID: 261

Precinct Name: MER 16

Activation ID: 01

Activation: GENERAL

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