

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

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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

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90 LESLIE DALLNER  
Republican Party

COUNTY AUDITOR  
Vote For One (1) Only

92 REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL  
Democratic Party

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93 CHARLES (CHUCK) MESSLER  
Republican Party

COUNTY TREASURER  
Vote For One (1) Only

95 JOHN E PETALAS  
Democratic Party

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96 KEVIN B DEANE  
Republican Party

COUNTY SHERIFF  
Vote For One (1) Only

98 JERRY WILLIAMS  
Democratic Party

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99 DAVID K CRANE, JR  
Republican Party

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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

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WILL MILLER 106  
Republican Party

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

RICHARD HARDAWAY 109  
Democratic Party

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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

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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.\*\*\*

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125 WILLIAM (WILL) AKINS, JR  
Democratic Party

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126 REMELL (MEL) BRYANT  
Democratic Party

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127 CURTIS L (CP) PEARSON  
Democratic Party

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128 ROGER AULT  
Republican Party

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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.\*\*\*

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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.\*\*\*

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RAMEEN JACKSON 149  
Democratic Party

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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: 271

Precinct Name: MER 34

Activation ID: 01

Activation: GENERAL

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