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Provisional voting is a way for a voter to cast a ballot at the polls on Election Day when they are challenged because of one of the following situations:

1. If the voter is **unable or declines to present photo ID** that meets the "proof of identification" requirements.
2. If the voter's **name does not appear on the poll list** (the voter is not registered to vote in the precinct) unless the voter qualifies to vote using one of the "Fail-Safes" explained in the *Indiana Voter's Bill of Rights*.
3. The voter's name appears on the poll list, but the **voter does not currently reside in the precinct** unless the voter qualifies to vote using one of the "Fail-Safes" explained in the *Indiana Voter's Bill of Rights*.
4. The poll list indicates that the voter is also required to **present additional documentation to verify their residency** as a first time voter, but the voter is not able to do so.
5. The voter is **not a U.S. citizen**.
6. The voter will **not be 18 years of age** or older at the general or municipal election. ***NOTE:*** *Otherwise qualified 17 year olds may vote on a special ballot in a primary election, that will not include a public question voted on at the same time as the primary.*
7. A poll clerk doubts the voter's identity and after comparing signatures, issues a challenge.
8. In a primary, the voter is **not affiliated with the party** whose ballot the voter is requesting.
   EXCEPTION: *A voter challenged in a primary due to party affiliation is NOT issued a provisional ballot if the challenged voter is willing to complete and sign the challenged voter's affidavit (Form PRE-6). The voter is then issued the regular ballot of that party, which is NOT kept separate from the undisputed ballots cast in the precinct.*

If you do cast a provisional ballot, be sure you and the challenger complete all necessary paperwork fully. You then have until noon 10 days after the election, (until May 13th for the Primary Election on May 3rd, 2016, and until November 18th, 2016, for the General Election on November 8th), to present the needed documentation or a proper form of photo ID or sign an affidavit for an exemption. The voter's provisional ballot is kept separate from all other ballots cast at the polls on Election Day. After the polls close, the provisional ballot is forwarded to the county election board, which will conduct a public meeting to decide whether or not the provisional ballot should be counted. Challenged voters have a right to be present and provide testimony or evidence to refute the challenge.

Election Resources

Offices on the Ballot

2016 Primary Election: The major parties (Democrat and Republican) will conduct a presidential preference primary where a voter must choose between a Democrat or Republican ballot to nominate candidates for the following offices:

- Governor
- United States Senate (1 seat)
- U.S. House of Representatives (all 9 seats)
- Indiana State Senate (25 of the 50 seats)
- Indiana House of Representatives (all 100 seats)
- Judges of the circuit and superior courts in several counties
- Clerks of the circuit court, County Auditor, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Assessor, County Commissioner, and County Council Member in several counties
- Town Council members, town clerk-treasurers, and town judges in towns which have chosen to stagger terms, or to elect all town officials during 2016
- Some local public questions may be placed on the ballot in certain counties.
- Democratic Party and Republican Party state convention delegates
- Republican Party precinct committeemen

2016 General Election: Candidates are elected to the following offices at the General Election:

- Presidential electors pledged to support candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States
- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- United States Senate (1 seat)
- Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction
- U.S. House of Representatives (all 9 seats)
- Indiana State Senate (25 of the 50 seats)
- Indiana House of Representatives (all 100 seats)
- Judges of the circuit and superior courts in several counties
- Clerks of the circuit court, County Auditor, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Assessor, County Commissioner, and County Council Member in several counties
- Town Council members, town clerk-treasurers, and town judges in towns which have chosen to stagger terms, or to elect all town officials during 2016
- Voters will vote on the ratification of a proposed state constitutional amendment, the retention of state appellate judges or local judges, and on any local public question placed on the ballot in accordance with state law.

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Primary Election Day
May 3, 2016

General Election Day
November 8, 2016

Visit www.IndianaVoters.com for more information.

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Voting Basics

Voting Requirements

You have the right to vote in an Indiana election, if:

- You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; *and*
- You will be at least 18 years of age at the next General Election, November 8 2016; *and*
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; *and*
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election unless you qualify to vote using one of the "Fail Safe" procedures; *and*
- You are registered to vote.

To register to vote, simply visit www.IndianaVoters.com and register online or fill out the VRG-7 form and return it to your county by the deadlines listed below.

Election Calendar

- **April 4, 2016**: Voter registration closes for the 2016 Primary Election
- **April 5, 2016**: First day to vote absentee-in person for the 2016 Primary Election
- **April 25, 2016**: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2016 Primary Election
- **May 3, 2016**: Primary Election Day
- **October 11, 2016**: Voter Registration Closes for the 2016 General Election
- **October 12, 2016:** First day to vote absentee-in person for the 2016 General Election
- **October 31, 2016**: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the 2016 General Election
- **November 8, 2016**: General Election Day
  Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked on or before the deadlines; online voter registration applications must be submitted on or before 11:59pm deadline day. Absentee by mail applications must be received no later than 11:59PM deadline day. Postmarked absentee applications received after the deadline cannot be processed.

More Information

- Check your voter registration or polling place by visiting **www.IndianaVoters.com** or call he Hoosier Voter Hotline at **1-866-IN-1-VOTE** (866-461-8683).
- Contact your local political party or circuit court clerk to work Election Day. Poll workers are compensated for their time. 16 and 17 year olds may also be eligible.

Photo ID

Photo Identification

A voter must provide government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot, except when voting absentee-by-mail or traveling board. The ID must fit the following criteria:

- Your ID must display your photo.
- Your name on the ID must conform with your voter registration record. Conform does not mean identical. Below are examples

  - Robert John Crew
  - Robert J. Crew
  - Robert Crew
  - R. John Crew
  - R. J. Crew
  - Bob John Crew
  - Bob J. Crew
  - Bob Crew
  - John Crew
  - J. Crew

- Your ID must contain an expiration date and either still be current or have expired sometime *after* the date of the last General Election (November 4, 2014).
  - Certain military IDs with no expiration date or an "indefinite" expiration date are acceptable.
- Your ID must be issued by the State of Indiana or the US government.

In most cases, an Indiana driver license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or US passport is sufficient. Interim IDs issued by the BMV are also acceptable.

If you are unable or unwilling to present ID meeting these requirements, you may cast a provisional ballot. If you cast a provisional ballot, you have until noon 10 days after the election to follow up with the county election board and either provide the necessary documentation or affirm one of the law's exemptions applies to you.

Exemptions do exist for the indigent, those with a religious objection to being photographed, and individuals living in state-licensed facilities where the precinct's polling place is also located.

If you do not already have a valid photo ID, you can obtain an Indiana photo ID card **free of charge** from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch that issues driver's licenses and ID cards**. Be sure to bring the required documents to secure the ID (more information at in.gov/bmv).**

Absentee Voting

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Absentee-in-person voting (also known as early voting) begins 28 days before Election Day at your county election board office. Please consult with your county office for dates and times.

In order to vote **absentee-by-mail,** one of the following must apply:

1. You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 am to 6 pm).
2. You have a disability.
3. You are at least 65 years of age.
4. You will have official election duties outside of your precinct.
5. You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
6. You will be confined due to illness or injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
7. You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
8. You are a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.
9. You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.
10. You are eligible to vote at a precinct or former residence under a fail safe procedure in IC 3-10-11 or IC 3-10-12.
11. You are a "serious sex offender."
12. You are prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to the polls.

When the county election board receives your application for a mail-in absentee ballot, they will process it and if the application is approved, mail you an absentee ballot for the upcoming election.

In order to vote **absentee-by-traveling board,** you must qualify under bullet points 2 or 6 above. The ballot will be delivered to you by a bi-partisan absentee voter board who will be able to assist you with your ballot.

Accessibility

State law requires polling locations and voting machines to be accessible to all voters, especially seniors and voters with disabilities. If you need assistance voting, you may choose someone to help you (other than your employer or union officer) or one poll worker from each major political party. Call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE or the Indiana Election Division at 1-800-622-4941 to file a grievance about your polling place's accessibility or to report you were denied the right to vote or possible fraudulent election activities.