



Kinds of Elections

General elections

The general election date is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Qualified candidates of all parties will be listed on the ballot. (Or you may vote for write-in candidates.) Referenda questions may also be on the ballot.

Primary election

The primary election date is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Indiana has “closed” primaries. Thus, when you sign in at the polling place, the clerks will ask which political party’s ballot you want. You may vote only for the candidates on that ballot.

- Primaries are party elections to select candidates who will represent the party in the general election.
- Party officials (such as precinct committee persons and delegates to state political party conventions) are also elected in the primary.

Nonpartisan elections

School board members are elected on nonpartisan ballots. These elections may be held at the same time and place as the primary election. You must be 18 to vote in them. If you are voting *only* in the nonpartisan election, you need not declare a political party affiliation.

Precautions

Correction of voting errors

If you make a voting mistake, do not attempt to change or erase it. Just ask for a new ballot copy.

Challenges

Anyone who challenges your right to vote must declare in a written affidavit the reason for doing so. You may still vote after completing a counter-challenge affidavit, affirming that the stated reason is incorrect.

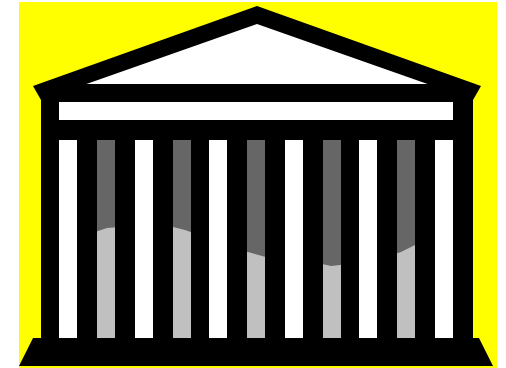
Name missing

If you are registered but your name does not appear on the poll list, ask the inspector to call the BVR for verification and then to issue you a “certificate of error,” which will allow you to go ahead and vote. Alternatively, you may request a “provisional ballot,” as required by HAVA (the Help America Vote Act of 2002).

Useful Telephone Numbers

<i>Marion County</i>	
Board of Voter Registration	327-5040
Election Board Hotline	327-5100
Democratic Party	637-3366
Republican Party	635-8881
League of Women Voters of Indianapolis (vm)	767-4187
<i>Indiana</i>	
Election Board	232-3939

Voting in Marion County



Democracy is not a spectator sport.

Register and Vote!

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To Register

You must be registered before you can vote.

A U.S. citizen age 18 by Election Day may register to vote if he or she:

- has been a resident of the voting precinct for 30 days before the election (even if living in a shelter or a nontraditional residence, such as an RV)
- is not an incarcerated felon
- show personal ID and furnishes either his or her Indiana driver's license number or the final four digits of the Social Security number. (Persons who mail applications must enclose a photocopy of the ID.)

Note:

- No other person may register for you.
- In Indiana, you do not declare a party affiliation when you register.
- To record name or address change, use the same registration application form.
- College students may register and vote either at school or at home (usually absentee, either in person or by mail).

When?

Register until 29 days before an election.

You must re- register if . . .

- you have changed your residence
- you have changed your name

Affidavits of Voter Transfer

If you are registered but you move to a new precinct in Indiana within 30 days of an election, you may complete an *Affidavit of Request for Transfer of Voter Registration*, either at the Marion County Board of Voter Registration (BVR) or at your old precinct, where you then may vote one last time.

Where?

Get a Voter Registration Application at

- 1) the Marion County BVR
- 2) a Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch
- 3) a Township Trustee office
- 4) an Indianapolis/Marion County Public Library branch or
- 5) the site of a voter registration drive

Helpers will accept your completed registration form and submit it for you, unless you choose to complete the form and personally mail or deliver it to the:

Marion Co. Board of Voter Registration
W131 City-County Building
200 E Washington St
Indianapolis, IN 46204

To Vote

The precinct polling place

Indiana polls are open from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Poll locations are printed in the newspaper and listed at www.IndyGov.org. If you are not sure where to vote, call the BVR or the local headquarters of your political party, or check the above web site. The law requires that polling sites be made accessible to persons with disabilities.

Instruction

If you need instructions, please ask that the precinct judges (one Republican and one Democrat) explain voting procedure. State law requires that they provide such help.

Assistance

If you need assistance in voting, you may designate someone to help you. That person, who may not be your employer or union official, will need to fill out an *Affidavit of Voting Assistance* before helping you at the voting booth. If you prefer, the precinct judges will assist you.

To Vote Absentee

Conditions

You may vote absentee if you are registered but expect to be absent from the county on Election Day, or if you are unable to get to the polls because you:

- are confined or serving as a confined person's caretaker
- are 65 years or older or
- are scheduled to perform election day duties in a precinct other than your own

In person

Individuals can vote in person at the City-County Building, from 30 days prior to the election until noon on the day before the election. Call 327-5100 for the hours.

By mail

- You can request an absentee ballot application from the Marion County Election Board 90 days before an election. When you have completed and returned that application, a ballot will be mailed to you.
- All hand-delivered or mailed absentee ballots must be **received** at the Marion County Election Board no later than noon on Monday before the election.

Write-in Voting (absentee or in person)

Ballots must provide space to vote for a declared write-in candidate. If the precinct ballot does not furnish space for write-in voting and you wish to write in a candidate's name, request a write-in ballot from an election official *before* you sign the poll list.