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VOTING GUIDE



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Voting is important for all of us.

People with disabilities want to vote — and they can vote, just like anyone else.

If you are a person with a disability or someone who provides support to a person with a disability, this book can help you learn what you need to know to vote in Indiana.





Introduction

There's an election coming up — and everyone older than age 18 is allowed to vote to help choose our President and other important leaders.

If you'd like to vote, you need to find out what day the election is on, if you are registered to vote, and where you need to go to cast your vote. Where you go to vote is called your polling place.

What is the date of the election that I want to vote in? _____





Are you registered to vote?

In Indiana, the law says that everyone who wants to vote needs to be registered. The County Election Clerk (an official that runs the election) for the county you live in can help you get registered to vote.

If you voted in the last election and still live in the same place, you don't need to do anything. You are already registered to vote. All you need to do is know what day to vote, find out where you will vote and decide who you want to vote for.

If you voted in the last election, but now you live somewhere else, you need to call your County Election Clerk in the county where you now live. A list of all of the County Election Clerks in Indiana and their telephone numbers can be found on page 12 of this book. They can help you change your registration — you just need to fill out a voter registration form to tell them your new address, and they will tell you where you will need to go to vote in this election.

You can also call Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services at 1-800-622-4845, and they may be able to assist you with the registration process or changing your address if you have moved since you last voted.

Many people may not know if they are registered to vote.

If you do not know if you are registered, call the County Election Clerk in the county where you live and ask them if you are registered to vote. If you have a computer and are connected to the internet, you can go to **www.indianavoters.com** to find out if you are currently registered to vote.

If you know that you are not registered to vote, you will need to know the county that you live in and how to contact the County Election Clerk in your county.



How to contact your county election clerk

Every county in Indiana has a phone number that people can call if they have questions. There is also a list of all of the County Election Clerks in Indiana, with their telephone numbers, on page 12 in the back of this book. You can also call the County Courthouse in the county where you live and ask to be connected to the County Election Clerk's Office.

Ask the County Election Clerk for the form you will need to fill out to register to vote. The County Election Clerk can answer other questions about voting that you may have.

REMEMBER:

You have to be registered to vote at least 29 days before the date of the election that you want to vote in. That's why it's important to know the date of the election.





Voter identification

When you vote, the people at the polling place will ask you for your identification card. This is a card with your picture on it – like a driver’s license or a State identification, (ID) card. In Indiana, the law says that everyone has to show a photo ID card to be able to vote. But even if you don’t have a driver’s license, you can still vote.

You can show one of the following photo IDs:

- ★ A valid Driver’s License; or
- ★ A State Identification card; or
- ★ A valid passport issued by the United State’s State Department; or
- ★ A valid U.S. Military identification card

If you are registered and have any one of these cards, just show it to the poll worker and you will be allowed to vote.

If you do not have a photo ID, you need to get one to take to the polling place before you go to vote. You can go to any Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, and they will help you get a card that will prove who you are so that you can vote.

REMEMBER:

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is also called the License Branch. When you go to the License Branch, tell them that you need an ID to vote. This type of photo ID does not cost anything.



Learning about the issues and deciding who and what you want to vote for

Voting is an important responsibility, so you may want to learn about the people running and the issues you're voting on before the election.

You can learn about the people running for offices in the election and the issues you will be voting about by:

- ★ Talking to your friends and/or family members;
- ★ Attending rallies and debates;
- ★ Watching television shows that provide information on the election;
- ★ Listening to the radio, and
- ★ Reading newspapers and magazines.
- ★ Finding information on organizations and candidates on their web sites.

REMEMBER:

- ★ All the decisions you make when you vote are yours to make on your own.
- ★ There is no right or wrong choice.
- ★ There is only your choice.
- ★ **You can talk to and listen to whoever you wish, but when it is time to vote, the decisions are yours.**

Where do I go to vote?

You will need to go to the polling place that you are assigned to by the County Election Clerk after you registered to vote. People who live near one another usually will vote at the same place.

If you don't know where to vote, call your County Election Clerk and they can tell you where you need to go. A list of the County Election Clerks and their phone numbers can be found on page 12 of this booklet.

If you have a computer, you can go to **www.indianavoters.com**, put in your information, and it will tell you the address for where you should go to vote. The website can also give you directions to your polling place.

You may also be able to find out about polling places in your local newspaper on Election Day.



REMEMBER:

- ★ Everyone has a voting place based on where they live and are registered to vote.
- ★ You can only vote at the place that you were assigned by the County Election Clerk when you registered.
- ★ After you register to vote or change your address through the County Election Clerk, you should receive a notice from the County Election Clerk that tells you where you will need to go to vote.



Am I ready to vote? Checklist

- _____A. I know the date on which the election will be held.
- _____B. I am registered to vote.
- _____C. I have my identification (ID) card.
- _____D. I have found out the information I wanted to know about the issues and people before voting.
- _____E. I know the address of my voting/polling place and I know how to get there, or I have someone who will take me.





What if I can't physically go to the voting/ polling place to cast my vote on Election Day?

If you have a disability or a problem that prevents you from physically going to the polling place on Election Day to cast your vote, there is a way that you can still vote.

You can vote by mail or in person using what is called an **ABSENTEE BALLOT**.

You can get information and the application for an absentee ballot by calling your County Election Clerk (see page 12).

To vote by mail:

Call the County Election Clerk (phone number, page 12), and tell them you would like to vote by absentee ballot. Once you receive the absentee ballot application you will need to complete and return it to the County Election Clerk as outlined in the instructions on the application. Once the County Election Clerk receives your absentee ballot application, they will mail the absentee ballot with instructions on how to complete it.

The absentee ballot, by mail must be received by the County Election Clerk by noon on Election Day.

To vote in person before Election Day:

If you cannot vote in person on Election Day

1. Go to the County Election Clerk's office during the twenty-nine (29) days before Election Day.
2. There you will complete an absentee ballot application and be provided with an absentee ballot.
3. You will then be allowed to vote with this absentee ballot.
4. Remember to take your identification card (ID) with you to the County Election Clerk's Office

If you need help with the absentee ballot application process, call Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services at 1-800-622-4845, TTY 1-800-838-1131.



It's Election Day — what should I expect to see and what should happen when I vote?

Voting is pretty easy. On the day of the election, you just need to go to the polling place and take your photo identification (ID) with you.

There should be accessible parking available for people who need it at your polling place. Once you're in the building, go to the registration table. There will be people waiting to help you vote. Tell the election workers that you want to vote and show them your identification card when they ask for it.

Different polling places use different methods to vote. If you need help using the voting method (electronic machine, paper ballot, etc.), ask for help.

If you are in a wheelchair or if you have trouble moving around, ask the workers at the polling place for help.

REMEMBER:

If you need help reading or writing, ask the people at the table if you can use the electronic touch screen voting machine. You can also bring along someone that you trust to help you vote, or ask one of the poll workers to help you.

In Indiana, you can vote between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Election Day. You can take as long as you need to vote.

REMEMBER:

When you are voting, you should be treated with courtesy and respect, just like anyone else. The people that work at the polls are there to help you. They should answer your questions about voting and help guide you through the process.



What to do if you are not allowed to vote

If you try to vote and a poll worker or someone else tells you that you are not allowed to vote, you need to ask for a “provisional ballot.” This will make sure you can still vote on Election Day. After you fill out this ballot, you have ten (10) days to get the County Election Clerk any missing information. Your vote will not count unless you provide the needed information to the County Election Clerk within ten (10) days.

REMEMBER:

If the poll worker says you cannot vote for any reason or if you asked for help or assistance and did not receive it, remember these words: “Please give me a Provisional Ballot.”

If you have questions about voting, or if you had problems when you tried to vote, you can call:

**Indiana Protection and Advocacy
Services Commission**
317-722-5555 or 800-622-4845
TTY: 317-722-5563 or 800-838-1131

If you had a problem voting and want to file a complaint, then you can call:

The Office of the Indiana Secretary of State
866-461-8683
email: havaadministrator@sos.in.gov





County Election Clerk List

Adams	260-724-5505
Allen	260-449-7329
Bartholomew	812-379-5363
Benton	765-884-0930
Blackford	765-348-1130
Boone	765-482-3510
Brown	812-988-5512
Carroll	765-564-4485
Cass	574-753-7740
Clark	812-285-6329
Clay	812-448-9024
Clinton	765-659-6335
Crawford	812-338-2565
Daviess	812-254-8669
Dearborn	812-537-8867
Decatur	812-663-8223
Dekalb	260-927-4725
Delaware	765-747-7726
Dubois	812-481-7037
Elkhart	574-535-6430
Fayette	765-825-1813
Floyd	812-948-5415
Fountain	765-793-2191
Franklin	765-647-5111
Fulton	574-223-4824

Gibson	812-385-2541
Grant	765-668-8121
Greene	812-384-8532
Hamilton	317-776-8476
Hancock	317-477-1109
Harrison	812-738-4289
Hendricks	317-745-9231
Henry	765-529-6401
Howard	765-456-2204
Huntington	260-358-4819
Jackson	812-358-6117
Jasper	219-866-4927
Jay	260-726-6915
Jefferson	812-265-8926
Jennings	812-352-3070
Johnson	317-346-4464
Knox	812-885-2521
Kosciusko	574-372-2334
LaGrange	260-499-6371
Lake	219-755-3795
LaPorte	219-326-6808
Lawrence	812-275-4145
Madison	765-641-9457
Marion	317-327-5100
Marshall	574-935-8701



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Martin	812-247-3651
Miami	765-472-3901
Monroe	812-349-2600
Montgomery	765-364-6434
Morgan	765-342-1026
Newton	219-474-6081
Noble	260-636-2736
Ohio	812-438-2610
Orange	812-723-2649
Owen	812-829-5015
Parke	765-569-5132
Perry	812-547-3741
Pike	812-354-6025
Porter	219-465-3450
Posey	812-838-1306
Pulaski	574-946-6038
Putnam	765-653-2648
Randolph	765-584-4214
Ripley	812-689-6115
Rush	765-932-2086
St. Joseph	574-235-9635
Scott	812-752-8420
Shelby	317-392-6320
Spencer	812-649-6029
Starke	574-772-9128

Steuben	260-668-1000 Extension 2220
Sullivan	812-268-4657
Switzerland	812-427-3175
Tippecanoe	765-423-9316
Tipton	765-675-2795
Union	765-458-6121
Vanderburgh	812-435-5160
Vermillion	765-492-3500
Vigo	812-462-3235
Wabash	260-563-0661 Extension 230
Warren	765-762-3510
Warrick	812-897-6163
Washington	812-883-5748
Wayne	765-973-9224
Wells	260-824-6482
White	574-583-1530
Whitley	260-248-3102



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