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## SENATE BILL No. 385

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**Citations Affected:** IC 3-5; IC 3-6; IC 3-7; IC 3-8; IC 3-10; IC 3-11; IC 3-11.5; IC 3-11.7; IC 3-12; IC 3-13; IC 6-8.1; IC 9-24; IC 12-15.

**Synopsis:** Voter registration; absentee voting. Makes changes to election law, including: (1) permits the election division to provide voter registration information from the statewide voter registration system (system) without charge to the clerks of the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana; (2) amends online voter registration procedures; (3) provides that an individual knowingly making a false statement about a voter identification number on a poll list commits a Level 6 felony; (4) permits a county voter registration office (office) to provide precinct inspectors a scanned copy of a more recent signature of a voter than the signature on the voter's original registration; (5) exempts precinct officials and various offices and agencies taking custody of voter registration forms from "chain of custody" documentation; (6) specifies efforts officials must make to obtain information missing on voter registration forms; (7) permits an office to send an address confirmation notice to an active voter who may no longer reside at the address shown on the voter's registration record if the county sends a similar notice to voters when a boundary or polling place is changed; (8) sets requirements for mailings for the statewide voter registration residency confirmation outreach project; (9) provides a method for a voter to update information in the voter's registration record in a county using electronic poll books; (10) requires officials to request information from various public sources to update voter registration  
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**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2014; January 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.  
January 27, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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records; (11) provides that a family and social services administration office (FSSA) providing Medicaid services has the same deadlines to transmit voter registration applications as other FSSA offices; (12) specifies how a person having a power of attorney for a voter may assist the voter with absentee voting; (13) permits a county election board (board) to adopt a resolution by the unanimous vote of the board's entire membership to print all information on one side of an optical scan ballot; (14) specifies that the inspector (rather than two judges) marks the poll list in the presence of the poll clerks to indicate that a voter has voted by absentee ballot in a precinct; (15) requires a county to adopt procedures concerning the security of absentee ballots cast on an electronic voting system; (16) permits a vote center plan to provide that vote centers not be used in municipal elections in some or all small towns in a county; (17) updates provisions concerning the location of challengers with a polling place; (18) specifies the retention requirements for data on recording units used in direct record electronic voting systems; (19) specifies the procedures for protecting the confidentiality of a voter during a board's consideration of whether to count the voter's provisional ballot; (20) requires a board to enter into the system certain information regarding provisional ballots; (21) provides a procedure to reconcile the number of signatures on poll lists with the number of votes cast in a precinct where the majority of ballots are cast by electronic voting system; (22) repeals obsolete provisions concerning voter registration forms, county National Voter Registration Act implementation plans, absentee voting in the county clerk's office, certificates of error, and hand counted paper ballots; and (23) makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-5-2-20.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 20.5. "Electronic poll book" means the**  
4 **combination of mechanical, electromechanical, and electronic**  
5 **equipment (including the software, firmware, and documentation**  
6 **required to program, control, and support the equipment) that is**  
7 **used to access and maintain the electronic poll list.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-2-20.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
9 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 20.7. "Electronic poll list" means a poll list**  
11 **that is maintained in a computer data base.**

12 SECTION 3. IC 3-5-2-47.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
13 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 47.5. "Signing the poll list" means:**

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1 (1) a voter writing the voter's name on the certified list of  
 2 registered voters for the precinct prepared in accordance with  
 3 IC 3-7-29-1; or

4 (2) a voter writing the voter's name on an electronic poll list **book**  
 5 using an electronic signature pad, tablet, or other signature  
 6 capturing device at a polling place, office of the circuit court clerk  
 7 (under IC 3-11-10-26), or satellite office (as established under  
 8 IC 3-11-10-26.3) where the use of an electronic poll list **book** is  
 9 authorized in accordance with IC 3-7-29-6.

10 SECTION 4. IC 3-5-2-49.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 11 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 12 **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 49.7. "Unknown or insufficient address"**  
 13 **refers to an address on a mailing returned by the United States**  
 14 **Postal Service with one (1) or more of substantially the following**  
 15 **statements made on the mailing by the United States Postal Service**  
 16 **or a person residing at the address to which the mailing was sent:**

- 17 (1) **Attempted-Not Known.**  
 18 (2) **Box Closed.**  
 19 (3) **Deceased.**  
 20 (4) **Forwarding time expired.**  
 21 (5) **Insufficient Address.**  
 22 (6) **Left No Address.**  
 23 (7) **Moved.**  
 24 (8) **No such number.**  
 25 (9) **No such office in state.**  
 26 (10) **No such street.**  
 27 (11) **Not deliverable as addressed.**  
 28 (12) **Refused.**  
 29 (13) **Returned for better address.**  
 30 (14) **Returned to sender.**  
 31 (15) **Unable to forward.**  
 32 (16) **Unclaimed.**  
 33 (17) **Undeliverable as addressed.**  
 34 (18) **Vacant.**

35 SECTION 5. IC 3-6-4.2-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2005,  
 36 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 12. The election division shall do the following:

- 38 (1) Maintain complete and uniform descriptions and maps of all  
 39 precincts in Indiana.  
 40 (2) Promptly update the information required by subdivision (1)  
 41 after each precinct establishment order is filed with the  
 42 commission under IC 3-11-1.5.



1 (3) Issue media watcher cards under IC 3-6-10-6.

2 ~~(4) Prepare and transfer to the department of state revenue voter~~  
 3 ~~registration affidavits for inclusion in state adjusted gross income~~  
 4 ~~tax booklets under IC 6-8.1-3-19.~~

5 ~~(5) (4)~~ Serve in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1(b) as the  
 6 office in Indiana responsible for providing information regarding  
 7 voter registration procedures and absentee ballot procedures to  
 8 absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

9 ~~(6) (5)~~ As required by 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1(c), submit a report to  
 10 the federal Election Assistance Commission not later than ninety  
 11 (90) days after each general election setting forth the combined  
 12 number of absentee ballots:

13 (A) transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and  
 14 overseas voters for the election; and

15 (B) returned by absent uniformed services voters and overseas  
 16 voters and cast in the election.

17 ~~(7) (6)~~ Implement the state plan in accordance with the  
 18 requirements of HAVA (42 U.S.C. 15401 through 15406) and this  
 19 title, and appoint members of the committee established under 42  
 20 U.S.C. 15405.

21 ~~(8) (7)~~ Submit reports required under 42 U.S.C. 15408 to the  
 22 federal Election Assistance Commission concerning the use of  
 23 federal funds under Title II, Subtitle D, Part I of HAVA.

24 SECTION 6. IC 3-7-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 25 2014]. (Voter Registration and Indiana Income Tax Returns).

26 SECTION 7. IC 3-7-24-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 11. (a) Each office of  
 28 a political subdivision that:

29 (1) has significant contact with the public; and

30 (2) is not otherwise designated as a voter registration site under  
 31 this article;

32 is a distribution site for registration by mail forms.

33 (b) The county election board of the county in which the greatest  
 34 percentage of ~~the~~ population of the political subdivision is located shall  
 35 determine if an office has significant contact with the public for  
 36 purposes of this section.

37 ~~(c) A county election board shall include a list of all sites designated~~  
 38 ~~under this section in the county election board's NVRA implementation~~  
 39 ~~report.~~

40 SECTION 8. IC 3-7-26.4-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.81-2005,  
 41 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 42 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. Upon request, and not later than five (5)



1 days after the request is filed with the election division, the election  
 2 division shall provide a complete compilation of the voter registration  
 3 information contained in the computerized list, including any format  
 4 information or other information necessary to decode the data, to any  
 5 of the following entities:

- 6 (1) The state committee of a major political party.  
 7 (2) The state organization of a bona fide political party that is not  
 8 a major political party if the party has at least two (2) candidates  
 9 on the ballot in the next election.  
 10 (3) The committee of an independent candidate for federal or state  
 11 office if the candidate is on the ballot in the next general election.  
 12 (4) A member of the media for publication in a news broadcast or  
 13 newspaper.  
 14 (5) The chief justice of the supreme court, for purposes of state  
 15 administration of a jury management system.  
 16 **(6) The clerk of the:**  
 17 **(A) United States District Court for the Northern District**  
 18 **of Indiana; and**  
 19 **(B) United States District Court for the Southern District**  
 20 **of Indiana;**  
 21 **for purposes of administration of a jury management system.**  
 22 ~~(7)~~ (7) Each of the following:  
 23 (A) The speaker of the house of representatives.  
 24 (B) The minority leader of the house of representatives.  
 25 (C) The president pro tempore of the senate.  
 26 (D) The minority leader of the senate.

27 SECTION 9. IC 3-7-26.4-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
 28 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) This section does not apply to the chief  
 30 justice of the supreme court, **the clerk of the United States District**  
 31 **Court for the Northern District of Indiana, the clerk of the United**  
 32 **States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana,** or to a  
 33 person described by section 8 of this chapter.

34 (b) Notwithstanding IC 5-14-3-8, the election division shall charge  
 35 each person described by section 6 of this chapter an annual  
 36 subscription fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to receive the  
 37 following:

- 38 (1) A complete compilation of the voter registration information  
 39 contained in the computerized list.  
 40 (2) Updates of the voter registration information made during the  
 41 year covered by the fee.  
 42 (c) A subscription to the statewide voter registration system



1 information expires on the first January 1 following the payment of the  
2 subscription fee.

3 SECTION 10. IC 3-7-26.7-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2009,  
4 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) When an applicant submits an  
6 application described in section 5(b)(1) of this chapter by use of the  
7 secure Internet web site established under this chapter, the bureau shall  
8 compare the information submitted by the applicant with the  
9 information maintained in the bureau's data base listing individuals  
10 who possess a current and valid Indiana:

- 11 (1) driver's license; or  
12 (2) identification card for nondrivers.

13 (b) If the bureau confirms that the applicant possesses a current and  
14 valid:

- 15 (1) Indiana driver's license issued under IC 9-24; or  
16 (2) Indiana identification card for nondrivers issued under  
17 IC 9-24-16;

18 the completed application and information compiled by the bureau  
19 (including the digital signature of the applicant) shall be submitted to  
20 the county voter registration office in the county in which the applicant  
21 currently resides using the computerized statewide voter registration  
22 list maintained under IC 3-7-26.3.

23 (c) If the bureau is unable to confirm that the applicant possesses a  
24 current and valid:

- 25 (1) Indiana driver's license issued under IC 9-24; or  
26 (2) Indiana identification card for nondrivers issued under  
27 IC 9-24-16;

28 the bureau shall send the application submitted by the applicant and  
29 information indicating that the bureau cannot confirm that the applicant  
30 possesses a current and valid Indiana driver's license or identification  
31 card to the county voter registration office in the county shown on the  
32 application. The county voter registration office shall send a notice to  
33 the applicant that the applicant's application cannot be processed  
34 because the bureau cannot confirm that the applicant possesses a  
35 current and valid Indiana driver's license or identification card. The  
36 county voter registration office shall send the notice to the applicant at  
37 the electronic address from which the applicant submitted the  
38 application and at the mailing address provided in the application. **web  
39 site must display a message advising the applicant to review and  
40 correct all errors, and that there was an error validating the  
41 driver's license or identification card entered by the applicant. The  
42 web site may not permit the applicant to continue the registration**



1 **process unless the bureau is able to confirm that the number**  
 2 **entered belongs to an individual.**

3 SECTION 11. IC 3-7-29-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
 4 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 5 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (f), this  
 6 section does not apply to a county that:

7 (1) has adopted an order under section 6 of this chapter; or

8 (2) is a vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1.

9 (b) Not later than ten (10) days before the election at which the  
 10 registration record is to be used, the county voter registration office  
 11 shall prepare certified copies of the list of registered voters for each  
 12 precinct in the county.

13 (c) The lists must contain the following information concerning  
 14 each registered voter:

15 (1) The full name of the voter.

16 (2) The address of the voter.

17 (3) The assigned voter identification number.

18 (4) Whether the voter is required to provide additional  
 19 identification before voting either in person or by absentee ballot.

20 (5) The date of birth of the voter, including an indication whether  
 21 the voter is less than eighteen (18) years of age for a poll list used  
 22 in a primary election.

23 (6) The scanned signature of the voter.

24 (7) Whether the voter is required to provide an affirmation of the  
 25 voter's residence.

26 (8) A bar code that allows the county voter registration office to  
 27 efficiently record whether the voter has signed the poll list.

28 (9) For a poll list used in a primary election, a letter abbreviation  
 29 of the name of the major political party whose ballot the voter has  
 30 requested.

31 (10) A space for a poll clerk to indicate when a voter has cast an  
 32 absentee ballot.

33 (11) A space for a poll clerk to indicate when a voter has cast a  
 34 provisional ballot.

35 (12) For a voter required to submit additional documentation  
 36 required under IC 3-7-33-4.5, a space for a poll clerk to insert  
 37 letters serving as an abbreviation for the type of documentation  
 38 provided by the voter.

39 (d) The names shall be arranged in the same order as they are in the  
 40 registration record of the precinct.

41 (e) The poll list must also contain a statement at the top of each  
 42 page indicating that an individual who knowingly makes a false





- 1 statement:
- 2 (1) by signing a poll list; or
- 3 (2) on a poll list concerning the individual's name, **voter**
- 4 **identification number**, or residence address;
- 5 commits a ~~Class D~~ **Level 6** felony as provided by IC 3-14-2-11.
- 6 (f) This subsection applies to a county that has adopted an order
- 7 under section 6 of this chapter or is a vote center county under
- 8 IC 3-11-18.1. The precinct election board shall post in a location within
- 9 the precinct or vote center a notice that:
- 10 (1) is clearly visible to an individual (or to an individual providing
- 11 assistance under IC 3-11-9) who is providing information to a
- 12 precinct election officer using an electronic poll list; **book**; and
- 13 (2) indicates that an individual commits a ~~Class D~~ **Level 6** felony
- 14 under IC 3-14-2-11, if the individual knowingly makes a false
- 15 statement to a precinct election officer concerning:
- 16 (A) the individual's name; ~~or~~
- 17 **(B) the individual's voter identification number; or**
- 18 ~~(B)~~ **(C) the individual's residence address.**
- 19 SECTION 12. IC 3-7-29-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.271-2013,
- 20 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 21 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to a county
- 22 that:
- 23 (1) has adopted an order under section 6 of this chapter; or
- 24 (2) is a vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1.
- 25 (b) The county voter registration office may also provide the
- 26 inspector of each precinct in the county with a scanned copy of the
- 27 signature on the affidavit of registration **(or a more recent signature**
- 28 **of the voter from an absentee application, poll list, or registration**
- 29 **document)** of each voter of the precinct for the comparison of
- 30 signatures under IC 3-10-1-24.6 or IC 3-11-8-25.1.
- 31 SECTION 13. IC 3-7-29-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.258-2013,
- 32 SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 33 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) If a county election board adopts an
- 34 order to provide an electronic poll list **book** to the inspector for use at
- 35 a polling place, an office of the circuit court clerk (under
- 36 IC 3-11-10-26), or at a satellite office established under
- 37 IC 3-11-10-26.3, electronic poll lists ~~may~~ **books shall** be used at an
- 38 election (rather than certified poll lists prepared under this chapter) in
- 39 all precincts in which the election is to be conducted.
- 40 (b) An order adopted under subsection (a) must require the use of
- 41 an electronic signature (as defined in IC 26-2-8-102) to sign an
- 42 electronic poll list **book** at an election (rather than requiring voters to



1 sign certified poll lists prepared under this chapter).

2 (c) The county voter registration office shall download the  
3 information required to be available on an electronic poll list **book**  
4 before the electronic poll list is delivered and installed as required by  
5 IC 3-11-3-11(b).

6 **(d) An electronic poll book used in a polling place, the office of**  
7 **a circuit court clerk under IC 3-11-10-26, or a satellite office**  
8 **established under IC 3-11-10-26.3, under an order adopted under**  
9 **subsection (a) must:**

10 **(1) comply with IC 3-11-8-10.3; and**

11 **(2) be approved by the secretary of state in accordance with**  
12 **the procedures set forth in IC 3-11-18.1-12.**

13 SECTION 14. IC 3-7-32-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
14 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) This section does not apply to a voter  
16 registration application received by any of the following:

17 (1) An employee of a license branch:

18 **(A) acting in accordance with IC 3-7-14; or**

19 **(B) who voluntarily:**

20 **(i) receives an application for voter registration by mail;**  
21 **and**

22 **(ii) forwards the application to a county voter**  
23 **registration office as part of the license branch's**  
24 **transmittal of other applications under IC 3-7-14.**

25 (2) An employee of a public assistance agency:

26 **(A) acting in accordance with IC 3-7-15; or**

27 **(B) who voluntarily:**

28 **(i) receives an application for voter registration by mail;**  
29 **and**

30 **(ii) forwards the application to a county voter**  
31 **registration office as part of the agency's transmittal of**  
32 **other applications under IC 3-7-15.**

33 (3) An employee of an agency serving persons with disabilities:

34 **(A) acting in accordance with IC 3-7-16; or**

35 **(B) who voluntarily:**

36 **(i) receives an application for voter registration by mail;**  
37 **and**

38 **(ii) forwards the application to a county voter**  
39 **registration office as part of the agency's transmittal of**  
40 **other applications under IC 3-7-16.**

41 (4) An employee of an office designated under IC 3-7-18:

42 **(A) acting in accordance with that chapter; or**



- 1                   **(B) who voluntarily:**  
 2                    **(i) receives an application for voter registration by mail;**  
 3                    **and**  
 4                    **(ii) forwards the application to a county voter**  
 5                    **registration office as part of the office's transmittal of**  
 6                    **other applications under IC 3-7-18.**
- 7           (5) An employee of an office designated under IC 3-7-19:  
 8               **(A) acting in accordance with that chapter; or**  
 9               **(B) who voluntarily:**  
 10                **(i) receives an application for voter registration by mail;**  
 11                **and**  
 12                **(ii) forwards the application to a county voter**  
 13                **registration office as part of the office's transmittal of**  
 14                **other applications under IC 3-7-19.**
- 15           (6) An employee of the office of the department of employment  
 16           and training services:  
 17               **(A) acting in accordance with IC 3-7-20.5; or**  
 18               **(B) who voluntarily:**  
 19                **(i) receives an application for voter registration by mail;**  
 20                **and**  
 21                **(ii) forwards the application to a county voter**  
 22                **registration office as part of the office's transmittal of**  
 23                **other applications under IC 3-7-20.5.**
- 24           (7) An employee of the United States Postal Service or a bonded  
 25           courier company, acting in the individual's capacity as an  
 26           employee of the United States Postal Service or a bonded courier  
 27           company.
- 28           (8) A member of the applicant's household.
- 29           (9) An applicant's attorney in fact under IC 30-5-5-14.
- 30           (10) The election division acting in accordance with  
 31           IC 3-7-33-3.7.
- 32           (11) A state agency or county voter registration office receiving  
 33           an application through the online voter registration system under  
 34           IC 3-7-26.7.
- 35           **(12) A precinct election officer acting in the officer's official**  
 36           **capacity under IC 3-6-6.**
- 37           (b) ~~After December 31, 2013,~~ A person who receives a completed  
 38           application form shall file the application with the appropriate county  
 39           voter registration office or the election division not later than:  
 40                (1) noon ten (10) days after the person receives the application;  
 41                or  
 42                (2) the deadline set by state law for filing the application with the



1 county voter registration office;  
2 whichever occurs first.

3 (c) If a person receives a completed voter registration application  
4 that the person has reason to believe is materially false, fictitious, or  
5 fraudulent, the person shall deliver the application to the appropriate  
6 county election board not later than the deadline set forth in subsection  
7 (b), with a statement sworn or affirmed to under the penalties for  
8 perjury, setting forth the reasons why the person believes the  
9 application may be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent. The  
10 county election board shall act under IC 3-6-5-31 to determine if a  
11 violation of election law has occurred.

12 SECTION 15. IC 3-7-33-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.14-2013,  
13 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) **This subsection does not apply to a  
15 voter who indicates:**

16 **(1) under IC 3-7-39-7 or on an absentee application submitted**  
17 **under IC 3-11-4 that the voter has changed the voter's**  
18 **residence to an address within the same precinct where the**  
19 **voter's former address was located; or**

20 **(2) under IC 3-7-41 or an absentee application submitted**  
21 **under IC 3-11-4 that the voter has changed the voter's name.**

22 When the county voter registration office receives an application for a  
23 new registration or an application with information that revises or adds  
24 information to the applicant's current voter registration record, the  
25 county voter registration office shall determine if the applicant appears  
26 to be eligible to register to vote based on the information in the  
27 application.

28 (b) As required under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(a)(2), the county voter  
29 registration office shall send a notice to each person from whom the  
30 county voter registration office receives a voter registration application.  
31 The county voter registration office shall send a notice to the applicant  
32 at the mailing address provided in the application.

33 (c) The notice required by subsection (b) must set forth the  
34 following:

35 (1) A statement that the application has been received.

36 (2) The disposition of the application by the county voter  
37 registration office.

38 (3) If the county voter registration office determines that the  
39 applicant appears to be eligible, the notice must state the  
40 following:

41 (A) Except as provided under subsection (g), the applicant is  
42 registered to vote under the residence address when the



- 1 applicant receives the notice. An applicant is presumed to  
 2 have received the notice unless the notice is returned by the  
 3 United States Postal Service due to an unknown or insufficient  
 4 address and received by the county voter registration office not  
 5 later than seven (7) days after the notice is mailed to the  
 6 applicant.
- 7 (B) The name of the precinct in which the voter is registered.  
 8 (C) The address of the polling place for the precinct in which  
 9 the voter is registered.
- 10 (4) In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1(d), if the county voter  
 11 registration office has denied the application, the notice must  
 12 include the reasons for the denial.
- 13 (d) The notice required by subsection (b) may not include a voter  
 14 identification number.
- 15 (e) The notice required by subsection (b) may include a voter  
 16 registration card.
- 17 (f) If the notice is returned by the United States Postal Service due  
 18 to an unknown or insufficient address, the county voter registration  
 19 office shall determine that the applicant is ineligible and deny the  
 20 application.
- 21 (g) During the seven (7) days following the mailing of the notice to  
 22 the voter under this section, the county voter registration office shall  
 23 indicate in the computerized list maintained under IC 3-7-26.3 that the  
 24 application is pending. If the notice:
- 25 (1) is not returned by the United States Postal Service and  
 26 received by the county voter registration office at; or  
 27 (2) is received by the applicant by United States Postal Service  
 28 delivery and presented in person by the applicant to the county  
 29 voter registration office before;
- 30 the expiration of the seven (7) day period under subsection (c), the  
 31 county voter registration office shall indicate in the computerized list  
 32 that the applicant is a registered voter.
- 33 (h) This subsection applies if the notice is mailed by the county  
 34 voter registration office after the certified list is prepared under  
 35 IC 3-7-29. If:
- 36 (1) the seven (7) day period under subsection (c) expires before  
 37 election day;
- 38 (2) the applicant has not presented the notice mailed under  
 39 subsection (b) to the county voter registration office as provided  
 40 under subsection (g); and
- 41 (3) the applicant would otherwise have been included on the  
 42 certified list;



1 the county voter registration office shall prepare a certificate of error  
2 under IC 3-7-48 to note the addition of the voter to the certified list.

3 (i) This subsection applies if the notice is mailed by the county voter  
4 registration office after the certified list is prepared under IC 3-7-29. If:

5 (1) the seven (7) day period has not expired before election day;  
6 and

7 (2) the applicant has not presented the notice mailed under  
8 subsection (b) to the county voter registration office as provided  
9 under subsection (g);

10 the county voter registration office shall notify the county election  
11 board. The county election board shall certify to the inspector of the  
12 precinct where the applicant resides that the applicant's voter  
13 registration application is pending, and that the voter, subject to  
14 fulfilling the requirements of IC 3-11.7, is entitled to cast a provisional  
15 ballot.

16 SECTION 16. IC 3-7-34-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
17 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
18 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1.5. (a) For purposes of this chapter, a  
19 registration form is "incomplete" if the applicant does not provide any  
20 of the following:

21 (1) The name of the applicant.

22 (2) The residence address of the applicant (other than the ZIP  
23 code).

24 (3) The mailing address of the applicant (other than the ZIP code),  
25 unless the applicant provides a residence address at which United  
26 States Postal Service mail delivery for the applicant can be  
27 received.

28 (4) The date of birth of the applicant.

29 (5) The voter identification number of the applicant or a statement  
30 that the applicant has no voter identification number.

31 (6) The applicant's response to the question, "Are you a citizen of  
32 the United States of America?".

33 (7) The applicant's response to the question, "Will you be at least  
34 eighteen (18) years of age on or before election day?".

35 (8) A map, **description**, or diagram ~~of~~ **sufficient to permit**  
36 **locating** the voter's residence (if the applicant has no residence  
37 address with a street number or name included on this  
38 application).

39 (9) The signature of the applicant to the statement swearing or  
40 affirming that:

41 (A) the applicant meets the requirements for approval of the  
42 application;



1 (B) the information and all other statements on the application  
2 are true; and

3 (C) the applicant understands if the applicant signs the  
4 statement knowing that the statement is not true, the applicant  
5 is committing perjury, and understands the penalties for  
6 committing perjury.

7 (b) For purposes of this chapter, a registration form is "incomplete"  
8 if a person who received a completed application from the applicant  
9 does not provide any of the following:

10 (1) The name and residence address of the individual who  
11 received the application.

12 (2) The date on which the individual received the application  
13 from the applicant.

14 (3) The signature of the individual certifying this information.

15 SECTION 17. IC 3-7-34-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2005,  
16 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. **(a) This section does not apply to an  
18 absent uniformed services voter who submits a registration  
19 application less than ten (10) days before the election under  
20 IC 3-7-36.**

21 **(b) Not later than the date the county is required to prepare a  
22 certified list of voters under IC 3-7-29-1, ten (10) days before the  
23 election, the county voter registration office shall certify to the county  
24 election board a list of the registration forms that remain incomplete  
25 after the effort made under section 2 of this chapter and that do not  
26 permit the county voter registration office to determine if the applicant  
27 is eligible to register under this article. Upon certification, the county  
28 voter registration office shall reject the applications.**

29 SECTION 18. IC 3-7-34-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.219-2013,  
30 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
31 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4.5. (a) This section applies to an application  
32 that is incomplete under section 1.5(b) of this chapter.

33 (b) If the application contains all the information required to be  
34 supplied by the voter, but does not include:

35 (1) information required to be supplied by an individual who  
36 received the completed application from the voter; or

37 (2) the signature of that individual;

38 the county voter registration office shall promptly make one (1) effort  
39 to contact the individual who received the completed application from  
40 the voter, if possible, and one (1) effort to contact the voter to obtain  
41 the missing information or the signature in the case of the individual  
42 who received the completed application from the voter. **For purposes**



1 **of this subsection, "effort" refers to the activities described in**  
 2 **section 2(b) of this chapter.**

3 (c) The county voter registration office shall process the application  
 4 under this article if the county voter registration office:

5 (1) obtains the information or signature; or

6 (2) cannot obtain the information or signature of the individual  
 7 who had custody of the application and the application is  
 8 otherwise complete.

9 (d) In determining the eligibility of the applicant, the county voter  
 10 registration office may not reject the application solely on the ground  
 11 that the individual who received the completed application from the  
 12 voter failed to complete the application with the information or  
 13 signature described in section 1.5(b) of this chapter. However, the  
 14 county voter registration office shall, not later than three (3) days after  
 15 receipt of the application, provide notice of the failure to properly  
 16 complete the application to the county election board for appropriate  
 17 action under IC 3-6-5-31.

18 SECTION 19. IC 3-7-34-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 19 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) If a registration form contains all of the  
 21 information required to be supplied by the voter, but does not include  
 22 the information required to be supplied by the bureau of motor vehicles  
 23 commission, ~~or a voter registration agency~~, the county voter  
 24 registration office shall promptly make one (1) effort to contact the  
 25 ~~officer~~, commission ~~or agency~~ to obtain the information.

26 (b) If the information is not obtained from the ~~officer~~, commission  
 27 ~~or agency~~ under subsection (a) not later than seven (7) days after the  
 28 county voter registration office provides the notice, the county voter  
 29 registration office shall notify the NVRA official. The NVRA official  
 30 shall contact the ~~officer~~, commission ~~or agency~~ to request that the  
 31 information be provided to the county voter registration office or that  
 32 the ~~officer~~, commission ~~or agency~~ file a statement with the county voter  
 33 registration office indicating why the information is not available.

34 SECTION 20. IC 3-7-34-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2005,  
 35 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 36 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) If a registration form complies with  
 37 section 9(c) of this chapter and is received after the certified list has  
 38 been prepared under IC 3-7-29 **or the information required to be**  
 39 **available on an electronic poll list has been downloaded onto an**  
 40 **electronic poll book for use on election day**, the county voter  
 41 registration office shall:

42 (1) process the form in accordance with IC 3-7-33-5; and

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- 1 (2) if the registration application is approved, issue a certificate  
2 of error under IC 3-7-48.
- 3 (b) If a registration form does not comply with section 9(c) of this  
4 chapter, the county voter registration office shall process the form in  
5 accordance with IC 3-7-13-12.
- 6 SECTION 21. IC 3-7-38.2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
7 SECTION 59, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) A voter list maintenance program  
9 conducted under this chapter must:
- 10 (1) be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the  
11 Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973);
- 12 (2) not result in the removal of the name of a person from the  
13 official list of voters solely due to the person's failure to vote; and
- 14 (3) be completed not later than ninety (90) days before a primary,  
15 general, or municipal election.
- 16 (b) A county voter registration office may conduct a voter list  
17 maintenance program that complies with subsection (a). In conducting  
18 a voter list maintenance program, the county voter registration office  
19 shall mail a notice described in subsection (d) to each ~~registered~~ voter  
20 **whose registration has not previously been cancelled or designated**  
21 **as inactive under this chapter** at the residence address:
- 22 (1) listed in the voter's registration record; and
- 23 (2) determined by the county voter registration office not to be the  
24 voter's current residence address.
- 25 (c) A county voter registration office may use information only from  
26 the following sources to make the determination under subsection  
27 (b)(2):
- 28 (1) The United States Postal Service National Change of Address  
29 Service.
- 30 (2) A court regarding jury duty notices **returned because of an**  
31 **unknown or insufficient address.**
- 32 (3) The return of a mailing sent by the county voter registration  
33 office to all active voters (as defined in IC 3-11-18.1-2) in the  
34 county **because of an unknown or insufficient address.**
- 35 (4) The bureau of motor vehicles concerning the surrender of a  
36 voter's Indiana license for the operation of a motor vehicle to  
37 another jurisdiction.
- 38 (5) **The return by the United States Postal Service after the**  
39 **expiration of the seven (7) day pending period of a notice**  
40 **regarding the disposition of a voter registration application**  
41 **under IC 3-7-33-5 because of an unknown or insufficient**  
42 **address.**



1           **(6) The return of a mailing sent to voters of a precinct**  
 2           **advising voters of a change of precinct boundary or the**  
 3           **precinct polling place because of an unknown or insufficient**  
 4           **address, if the county sends a similar mailing to the voters of**  
 5           **each precinct when a boundary or polling place is changed.**

6           (d) The notice described in subsection (b) must:

7           (1) be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, by  
 8           a method that requires the notice to be forwarded to the voter; and

9           (2) include a postage prepaid return card that:

10           (A) is addressed to the county voter registration office;

11           (B) states a date (which must be at least thirty (30) days after  
 12           the date the notice is mailed) by which the card must be  
 13           returned or the voter's registration will become inactive until  
 14           the information is provided to the county voter registration  
 15           office; and

16           (C) permits the voter to provide the voter's current residence  
 17           address.

18           (e) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (d)(2) and  
 19           provides a current residence address that establishes that the voter  
 20           resides:

21           (1) in the county, the county voter registration office shall update  
 22           the voter's registration record; or

23           (2) outside the county, the county voter registration office shall  
 24           cancel the voter's registration.

25           (f) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (d)(2) after the  
 26           final day for completing voter list maintenance activities under section  
 27           3 of this chapter, the county voter registration office shall, when  
 28           registration reopens after the next primary, general, or municipal  
 29           election following the date specified in the notice, process any update  
 30           or cancellation of the voter registration record indicated on the card by  
 31           the voter under subsection (e). If a card is returned as undeliverable  
 32           due to an unknown or insufficient address by the United States Postal  
 33           Service after the date specified in subsection (d)(2)(B), the county  
 34           voter registration office shall, when registration reopens after the next  
 35           primary, general, or municipal election, **determine whether the voter**  
 36           **voted or appeared to vote from the address set forth in the**  
 37           **registration record at any election occurring after the final day for**  
 38           **completing voter list maintenance activities, and if not, then**  
 39           designate the voter as inactive.

40           (g) If a voter does not return the card described in subsection (d)(2)  
 41           by the date specified in subsection (d)(2)(B), the county voter  
 42           registration office shall indicate in the voter's registration record that



1 the voter's registration is inactive.

2 (h) A voter's registration that becomes inactive under subsection (f)  
3 or (g) remains in inactive status from the date described in subsection  
4 (d)(2)(B) until the earlier of the following:

5 (1) The date the county voter registration office updates or  
6 cancels the voter's registration under subsection (e) after the voter  
7 provides a current residence address.

8 (2) The day after the second general election in which the voter  
9 has not voted or appeared to vote.

10 (i) After the date described in subsection (h)(2), the county voter  
11 registration office shall remove the voter's registration from the voter  
12 registration records.

13 SECTION 22. IC 3-7-38.2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
14 SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. At least once each month, the NVRA  
16 official shall notify each county voter registration office **of voters**  
17 **within the county** whose residences may have changed according to  
18 information supplied under this chapter.

19 SECTION 23. IC 3-7-38.2-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
20 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
21 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 16. (a) During each even-numbered year, the  
22 NVRA official shall conduct a residency confirmation and outreach  
23 procedure under this chapter. The NVRA official (or a contractor  
24 acting on behalf of the NVRA official) **may shall** send a  
25 **nonforwardable** mailing by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to each active  
26 voter (as defined in IC 3-11-18.1-2) in Indiana.

27 (b) The NVRA official shall, not later than January 31 of each **even**  
28 **numbered** year, request information from the:

29 (1) United States District Court for the Northern District of  
30 Indiana; and

31 (2) United States District Court for the Southern District of  
32 Indiana;

33 concerning the return of U.S. mail sent by the court for jury selection  
34 purposes. The state shall provide each county voter registration office  
35 with information concerning any registered voter who appears to no  
36 longer reside at the address set forth in the voter's registration record  
37 due to a mailing returned to the courts as undeliverable due to an  
38 unknown or insufficient address. The county voter registration office  
39 shall send an address confirmation notice to the voter described by this  
40 subsection.

41 SECTION 24. IC 3-7-38.2-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) **If** the



1 mailing to a voter sent under section 16 of this chapter must inquire  
 2 whether the voter still resides at the residence address indicated on the  
 3 person's voter registration. If the postcard is returned as undeliverable  
 4 and the voter does not vote in either of the two (2) general elections  
 5 following the mailing of the postcard; the county voter registration  
 6 office shall remove the voter's name from the list of registered voters  
 7 is returned by the United States Postal Service because of an  
 8 unknown or insufficient address, the NVRA official shall mail a  
 9 second notice to the voter. The notice must meet the following  
 10 requirements:

11 (1) Be sent by first class, United States mail, postage prepaid,  
 12 by a method that requires the notice to be forwarded to the  
 13 voter.

14 (2) Include a postage prepaid return card that:

15 (A) is addressed to the NVRA official;

16 (B) states a date (which must be at least thirty (30) days  
 17 after the date the notice was mailed) by which the card  
 18 must be returned or the voter's registration will become  
 19 inactive until the information is provided to the county  
 20 voter registration office; and

21 (C) permits the voter to provide the voter's current  
 22 residence address.

23 (b) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (a)(2) and  
 24 provides a current residence address that establishes that the voter  
 25 resides:

26 (1) in the same county, the county voter registration office  
 27 shall update the voter's registration record; or

28 (2) outside the county, the county voter registration office  
 29 shall cancel the voter's registration.

30 (c) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (a)(2)  
 31 after the final day for completing voter list maintenance activities  
 32 under section 3 of this chapter, the county voter registration office  
 33 shall, when the registration reopens after the next primary,  
 34 general, or municipal election following the date specified in the  
 35 notice, process any updates or cancellation of the voter registration  
 36 record indicated on the card by the voter under subsection (b).

37 (d) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (a)(2)  
 38 during the period described in subsection (c) with a request that  
 39 the voter's registration record at an address be canceled, the  
 40 county voter registration office shall proceed to cancel the  
 41 registration under section 3 of this chapter.

42 (e) If a card is returned not later than the date specified in



1 subsection (a)(2)(B) as undeliverable because of an unknown or  
 2 insufficient address, the county voter registration office shall  
 3 designate the voter as inactive.

4 (f) If a card is returned after the date specified in subsection  
 5 (a)(2)(B) as undeliverable because of an unknown or insufficient  
 6 address, the county voter registration office shall, when  
 7 registration reopens after the next primary, general, or municipal  
 8 election, determine whether the voter voted or appeared to vote  
 9 from the address set forth in the registration record at any election  
 10 occurring after the final day for completing voter list maintenance  
 11 activities, and if not, designate the voter as inactive.

12 (g) If a voter does not return the card described in subsection  
 13 (a)(2) by the date specified in subsection (a)(2)(B), the county voter  
 14 registration office shall indicate in the voter's registration record  
 15 that the voter's registration is inactive.

16 (h) A voter's registration that becomes inactive under  
 17 subsections (e) through (g) remains in inactive status from the date  
 18 described in subsection (a)(2)(B) until the earlier of the following:

19 (1) The date the county voter registration office updates or  
 20 cancels the voter's registration under subsection (b) after the  
 21 voter provides a current residence address.

22 (2) The date after the second general election in which the  
 23 voter has not voted or appeared to vote.

24 (i) After the date described in subsection (h)(2), the county voter  
 25 registration office shall remove the voter's registration from the  
 26 voter registration records at the expiration of the period ending thirty  
 27 (30) days after the second general election following the date on which  
 28 notices are mailed to a voter under section 16 of this chapter.

29 SECTION 25. IC 3-7-39-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) This section  
 31 applies to a voter who changes residence to an address in the same  
 32 precinct where the voter's former residence was located.

33 (b) As required under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(e)(1), a voter described  
 34 in subsection (a) may vote at the precinct polling place after the voter  
 35 makes an oral or a written affirmation of the change of address before  
 36 a member of the precinct election board.

37 (c) A person entitled to make a written affirmation under subsection  
 38 (b) may make an oral affirmation. The person must make the oral  
 39 affirmation before the poll clerks of the precinct. After the person  
 40 makes an oral affirmation under this subsection, the poll clerks shall:

41 (1) reduce the substance of the affirmation to writing at an  
 42 appropriate location on the poll list; and



1 (2) initial the affirmation.

2 (d) **This subsection applies to a county that has adopted an**  
 3 **order under IC 3-7-29-6 or is a vote center county under**  
 4 **IC 3-11-18.1. A voter described in subsection (a) may make a**  
 5 **written affirmation of the voter's change of residence on election**  
 6 **day using a blank voter registration application provided under**  
 7 **IC 3-7-48-7. If the voter makes an oral affirmation under this**  
 8 **subsection, the poll clerks shall reduce the substance of the**  
 9 **affirmation to writing using a blank voter registration application**  
 10 **provided under IC 3-7-48-7 and initial the affirmation.**

11 SECTION 26. IC 3-7-40-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2011,  
 12 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. When notified by:

14 (1) the NVRA official of a conversion from rural route addresses  
 15 to numbered addresses under this chapter;

16 (2) **the United States Postal Service that mail delivery to**  
 17 **postal boxes located in a United States Postal Service facility**  
 18 **will be discontinued and replaced by residential delivery; or**

19 (3) **a local public official (or plan commission) under section**  
 20 **3 of this chapter of:**

21 (A) **the naming or renaming of streets;**

22 (B) **the numbering or renumbering of lots or structures; or**

23 (C) **the conversion of rural route addresses to numbered**  
 24 **addresses;**

25 the county voter registration office shall, as soon as practicable, amend  
 26 the entry for the voter in the computerized list under IC 3-7-26.3.

27 SECTION 27. IC 3-7-40.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 28 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 UPON PASSAGE]:

30 **Chapter 40.5. Changes in Registration Records to Update**  
 31 **Signature of Voter**

32 **Sec. 1. (a) This section applies when a county voter registration**  
 33 **office determines that the original signature of a voter on a voter**  
 34 **registration application previously approved by the county voter**  
 35 **registration office is missing or has been destroyed.**

36 (b) **The county voter registration office may scan a copy of the**  
 37 **voter's original signature from a poll list or other document**  
 38 **maintained by the county election board or the county voter**  
 39 **registration office into the computerized list to generate a copy of**  
 40 **the signature for printing on a poll list or for an electronic poll**  
 41 **book.**

42 SECTION 28. IC 3-7-41-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,



1 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The statement described in section 1 of  
3 this chapter may be filed with the county voter registration office at any  
4 time.

5 (b) A voter who wishes to indicate that the voter's name has  
6 changed may also write the necessary information concerning the name  
7 change on the poll list under IC 3-11-8-25.1 before the person receives  
8 a ballot. **The change of name on the voter registration record is**  
9 **effective immediately, and the person may then vote if otherwise**  
10 **qualified.**

11 (c) **This subsection applies to a county that has adopted an order**  
12 **under IC 3-7-29-6 or is a vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1. A**  
13 **voter described in subsection (b) may indicate that the voter's**  
14 **name has changed by writing the necessary information**  
15 **concerning the name change on election day using a blank voter**  
16 **registration application provided under IC 3-7-48-7. The poll**  
17 **clerks shall initial the affirmation. The change of name on the voter**  
18 **registration record is effective immediately, and the person may**  
19 **then vote if otherwise qualified.**

20 SECTION 29. IC 3-7-42-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
21 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. At the time of transfer, the county voter  
23 registration office shall amend

24 (1) ~~the original affidavit filed by the voter to indicate the changed~~  
25 ~~mailing address, street name, or residence number on the~~  
26 ~~affidavit; and~~

27 (2) the entry for the voter in the computerized list under  
28 IC 3-7-26.3.

29 SECTION 30. IC 3-7-45-2.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
30 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
31 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2.1. (a) As required under 42 U.S.C. 15483, the  
32 election division shall coordinate the computerized list generated by  
33 the statewide voter registration system under IC 3-7-26.3 with the state  
34 department of health to permit a county voter registration office to  
35 cancel the registration records of deceased individuals on an expedited  
36 basis.

37 (b) The state department of health shall report to the election  
38 division, by county, the names, ages, and known residence addresses  
39 of all persons who:

40 (1) died within Indiana but outside the county of residence; and

41 (2) maintained a residence address within the county during the  
42 two (2) years preceding the date of death.



1 (c) Each county health officer and municipal health officer shall  
 2 report to the state department of health the names, ages, and known  
 3 voting addresses in the county of all persons:

- 4 (1) who have died within the jurisdiction of the officer; or  
 5 (2) for whom burial permits have been issued by the officer.

6 The state department of health shall report this information to the  
 7 election division.

8 (d) The state department of health shall report to the election  
 9 division, by county, the names, ages, and known residence addresses  
 10 of all persons:

- 11 (1) who died outside Indiana;  
 12 (2) who maintained a residence address within the county during  
 13 the two (2) years preceding the date of death; and  
 14 (3) whose names were supplied to the state department of health  
 15 under an agreement made under section 5 of this chapter.

16 **(e) The county voter registration office shall request a copy of**  
 17 **the death records filed quarterly by the local health department**  
 18 **with the county auditor under IC 16-37-3-9(c). If a voter is**  
 19 **identified as deceased in the death records, the county voter**  
 20 **registration office shall cancel the voter registration record of that**  
 21 **individual in conformity with section 3 of this chapter.**

22 SECTION 31. IC 3-7-45-2.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 23 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 24 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 2.2. The election division shall coordinate**  
 25 **the computerized list described in section 2.1 of this chapter with**  
 26 **the bureau of motor vehicles to permit a county voter registration**  
 27 **office to cancel on an expedited basis the registration record of an**  
 28 **individual who is reported deceased by the bureau of motor**  
 29 **vehicles.**

30 SECTION 32. IC 3-7-45-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 31 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 32 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 3.** As required by 42 U.S.C. 15483, after  
 33 receipt of the reports required by section 2.1 **or 2.2** of this chapter, each  
 34 county voter registration office shall cancel the registration of each  
 35 deceased person listed in the reports.

36 SECTION 33. IC 3-7-48-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.271-2013,  
 37 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 3.** (a) This section does not apply whenever  
 39 a county voter registration office provides confirmation of the issuance  
 40 of a certificate of error to a precinct election officer by transmitting the  
 41 confirmation through an electronic poll list **book** used at a precinct or  
 42 vote center.





1 (b) One (1) copy of the certificate of error shall be ~~delivered to the~~  
 2 ~~inspector of the precinct of the voter's residence. The inspector shall~~  
 3 ~~return that copy to~~ **filed by** the circuit court clerk with other election  
 4 material **for the precinct in which the voter resides** at the close of the  
 5 polls as provided in this title.

6 SECTION 34. IC 3-7-48-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) This section  
 8 applies to a voter who:

9 (1) formerly resided in a precinct according to the voter  
 10 registration record; and

11 (2) no longer resides in that precinct according to the voter  
 12 registration record.

13 (b) As provided under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(e)(3), a voter described  
 14 by subsection (a) may vote in the precinct where the voter formerly  
 15 resided (according to the voter registration record) if the voter makes  
 16 an oral or a written affirmation to a member of the precinct election  
 17 board that the voter continues to reside at the address shown as the  
 18 voter's former residence on the voter registration record.

19 (c) A person entitled to make a written affirmation under subsection  
 20 (b) may make an oral affirmation. The person must make the oral  
 21 affirmation before the poll clerks of the precinct. After the person  
 22 makes an oral affirmation under this subsection, the poll clerks shall:

23 (1) reduce the substance of the affirmation to writing at an  
 24 appropriate location on the poll list; and

25 (2) initial the affirmation.

26 **(d) This subsection applies to a county that has adopted an**  
 27 **order under IC 3-7-29-6 or is a vote center county under**  
 28 **IC 3-11-18.1. A voter described in subsection (a) may make a**  
 29 **written affirmation described in this section on a blank voter**  
 30 **registration application provided under section 7 of this chapter.**  
 31 **If the person makes an oral affirmation under this subsection, the**  
 32 **poll clerks shall reduce the substance of the affirmation to writing**  
 33 **by using a blank voter registration application provided under**  
 34 **section 7 of this chapter and initial the affirmation.**

35 SECTION 35. IC 3-8-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,  
 36 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) The signatures to a petition of  
 38 nomination need not be appended to one (1) paper, but a petitioner may  
 39 not be counted unless ~~at the time of signing~~ the petitioner is registered  
 40 and qualified to vote **in conformity with section 8 of this chapter.**  
 41 Each petition must contain the following:

42 (1) The signature of each petitioner.



1 (2) The name of each petitioner legibly printed.

2 (3) The residence address of each petitioner as set forth on the  
3 petitioner's voter registration record.

4 (b) Except as provided in this subsection, the signature, printed  
5 name, and residence address of the petitioner must be made in writing  
6 by the petitioner. If a petitioner with a disability is unable to write this  
7 information on the petition, the petitioner may authorize an individual  
8 to do so on the petitioner's behalf. The individual acting under this  
9 subsection shall execute an affidavit of assistance for each such  
10 petitioner, in a form prescribed by the commission. The form must set  
11 forth the name and address of the individual providing assistance, and  
12 the date the individual provided the assistance. The form must be  
13 submitted with the petition.

14 SECTION 36. IC 3-8-7-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
15 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) Not later than noon ten  
16 (10) days after

17 ~~(1) receipt of the candidate lists from each circuit court clerk~~  
18 ~~under section 5 of this chapter; or~~

19 ~~(2) the certification of the canvass performed by the election~~  
20 ~~division under IC 3-10-1-34,~~

21 ~~whichever occurs later;~~ the secretary of state shall furnish to the state  
22 chairman of each major political party of the state a list, certified under  
23 the secretary's hand and seal.

24 (b) The list described in subsection (a) must:

25 ~~(1) contain the names of all candidates nominated as certified by~~  
26 ~~the circuit court clerks under section 5 of this chapter;~~

27 ~~(2) (1) contain the names of all candidates shown to be nominated~~  
28 ~~by the canvass of the election division conducted under~~  
29 ~~IC 3-10-1-34; and~~

30 ~~(3) (2) include the address of each candidate.~~

31 (c) No other form of certification of nomination for office is  
32 necessary for an individual included on the list described by this  
33 section.

34 SECTION 37. IC 3-10-1-31.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2011,  
35 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 31.1. (a) This section applies only to election  
37 materials for elections held after December 31, 2003.

38 (b) The inspector of each precinct shall deliver the bags required by  
39 section 30(a) and 30(c) of this chapter in good condition, together with  
40 poll lists, tally sheets, and other forms, to the circuit court clerk when  
41 making returns.

42 (c) Except for unused ballots disposed of under IC 3-11-3-31 or



1 affidavits received by the county election board under IC 3-14-5-2 for  
 2 delivery to the foreman of a grand jury, the circuit court clerk shall seal  
 3 the ballots (including provisional ballots) and other material (including  
 4 election material related to provisional ballots) during the time allowed  
 5 to file a verified petition or cross-petition for a recount of votes or to  
 6 contest the election. Except as provided in subsection (d) and  
 7 notwithstanding any other provision of state law, after the recount or  
 8 contest filing period, the election material, including election material  
 9 related to provisional ballots (except for ballots and provisional ballots,  
 10 which remain confidential) shall be made available for copying and  
 11 inspection under IC 5-14-3. The circuit court clerk shall carefully  
 12 preserve the sealed ballots and other material for twenty-two (22)  
 13 months, as required by 42 U.S.C. 1974, after which the sealed ballots  
 14 and other material are subject to IC 5-15-6 unless an order issued  
 15 under:

16 (1) IC 3-12-6-19 or IC 3-12-11-16; or

17 (2) 42 U.S.C. 1973;

18 requires the continued preservation of the ballots or other material.

19 (d) If a petition for a recount or contest is filed, the material for that  
 20 election remains confidential until completion of the recount or contest.

21 (e) Upon delivery of the poll lists, the county voter registration  
 22 office may unseal the envelopes containing the poll lists. For the  
 23 purposes of:

24 (1) a cancellation of registration conducted under IC 3-7-43  
 25 through IC 3-7-46;

26 (2) a transfer of registration conducted under IC 3-7-39,  
 27 IC 3-7-40, or IC 3-7-42;

28 (3) a change of name made under IC 3-7-41;

29 (4) adding the registration of a voter under IC 3-7-48-8; or

30 (5) recording that a voter subject to IC 3-7-33-4.5 submitted the  
 31 documentation required under 42 U.S.C. 15483 and IC 3-11-8 or  
 32 IC 3-11-10;

33 the county voter registration office may inspect the poll lists and update  
 34 the registration record of the county. The county voter registration  
 35 office shall use the poll lists to update the registration record to include  
 36 the voter's voter identification number if the voter's voter identification  
 37 number is not already included in the registration record. Upon  
 38 completion of the inspection, the poll list shall be preserved with the  
 39 ballots and other materials in the manner prescribed by subsection (c)  
 40 for the period prescribed by subsections (c) and (d).

41 (f) This subsection does not apply to ballots, including provisional  
 42 ballots. Notwithstanding subsection (c), if a county voter registration



1 office determines that the inspection and copying of precinct election  
 2 material would reveal the political parties, candidates, and public  
 3 questions for which an individual cast an absentee ballot, the county  
 4 voter registration office shall keep confidential only that part of the  
 5 election material necessary to protect the secrecy of the voter's ballot.  
 6 In addition, the county voter registration office shall keep confidential  
 7 information contained in material related to provisional ballots that  
 8 identifies an individual, except for the individual's name, address, and  
 9 birth date.

10 (g) After the expiration of the period described in subsection (c) or  
 11 (d), the ballots may be destroyed in the manner provided by  
 12 IC 3-11-3-31 or transferred to a state educational institution as  
 13 provided by IC 3-12-2-12.

14 **(h) This subsection applies to a detachable recording unit or**  
 15 **compartment used to record a ballot cast on a direct record**  
 16 **electronic voting system. After the time allowed to file a verified**  
 17 **petition or cross-petition for a recount of votes or to contest the**  
 18 **election, the circuit court clerk shall transfer the data contained in**  
 19 **the unit or compartment to a disc or other recording medium.**  
 20 **After transferring the data, the clerk may clear or erase the unit or**  
 21 **compartment. The circuit court clerk shall carefully preserve the**  
 22 **disc or medium used to record the data for twenty-two (22)**  
 23 **months, as required by 42 U.S.C. 1974, after which time the disc or**  
 24 **medium may be erased or destroyed, subject to IC 5-15-6, unless**  
 25 **an order requiring the continued preservation of the disc or**  
 26 **medium is issued under the following:**

27 (1) IC 3-12-6-19.

28 (2) IC 3-12-11-16.

29 (3) 42 U.S.C. 1973.

30 SECTION 38. IC 3-10-11-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 31 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 32 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. An affidavit executed under this chapter  
 33 must contain the following information:

34 (1) The person's last, first, and middle name, in that order.

35 (2) The person's ~~birthplace and~~ date of birth.

36 (3) Whether the person is a United States citizen.

37 (4) The person's current address, including the county. If the  
 38 person resides in a municipality, the address must include the  
 39 street address, including apartment number or other designation,  
 40 or the name and room number of the hotel or lodging house. If the  
 41 person does not reside in a municipality, the address must include  
 42 the mailing address and the street or road.



- 1 (5) The address of the person's previous residence, including the  
2 county.
- 3 (6) The person's statement that the person satisfies the conditions  
4 set forth in section 2 of this chapter.
- 5 (7) The person's voter identification number to permit transfer of  
6 the registration under IC 3-7-13-13.
- 7 SECTION 39. IC 3-11-3-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
8 SECTION 70, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 16. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),  
10 each county election board shall prepare and have delivered to the  
11 inspectors of the precincts, at the time they receive the ballots for their  
12 precincts, a suitable number of voter registration lists certified under  
13 IC 3-7-29 ~~(or an electronic poll list in a county described by~~  
14 ~~IC 3-7-29-6 or IC 3-11-18.1)~~ and any other forms, papers, certificates,  
15 and oaths that are required to be furnished to precinct election boards.  
16 The forms and papers must be prepared in compliance with IC 3-5-4-8.
- 17 (b) In a county described by IC 3-7-29-6 or IC 3-11-18.1, the  
18 electronic poll ~~lists~~ **books** shall be delivered and installed for use by the  
19 county election board under section 11(b) of this chapter.
- 20 (c) The county voter registration office shall cooperate with the  
21 county election board in the preparation of the lists certified under  
22 IC 3-7-29 (or in the use of the electronic poll ~~lists~~); **books**).
- 23 SECTION 40. IC 3-11-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,  
24 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
25 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) A voter who wants to vote by absentee  
26 ballot must apply to the county election board for an official absentee  
27 ballot. Except as provided in subsection (b), the voter must sign the  
28 absentee ballot application.
- 29 (b) If a voter with disabilities is unable to sign the absentee ballot  
30 application and the voter has not designated an individual to serve as  
31 attorney in fact for the voter, the county election board may designate  
32 an individual to sign the application on behalf of the voter. If an  
33 individual applies for an absentee ballot as the properly authorized  
34 attorney in fact for a voter, the attorney in fact must attach a copy of the  
35 power of attorney to the application **and comply with subsection (d)**.
- 36 (c) A person may provide an individual with an application for an  
37 absentee ballot with the following information already printed or  
38 otherwise set forth on the application when provided to the individual:
- 39 (1) The name of the individual.
- 40 (2) The voter registration address of the individual.
- 41 (3) The mailing address of the individual.
- 42 (4) The date of birth of the individual.



1 (d) A person may not provide an individual with an application for  
 2 an absentee ballot with the following information already printed or  
 3 otherwise set forth on the application when provided to the individual:

4 (1) The address to which the absentee ballot would be mailed, if  
 5 different from the voter registration address of the individual.

6 (2) In a primary election, the major political party ballot requested  
 7 by the individual.

8 (3) In a primary or general election, the types of absentee ballots  
 9 requested by the individual.

10 (4) The reason why the individual is entitled to vote an absentee  
 11 ballot:

12 (A) by mail; or

13 (B) before an absentee voter board (other than an absentee  
 14 voter board located in the office of the circuit court clerk or a  
 15 satellite office);

16 in accordance with IC 3-11-4-18, IC 3-11-10-24, or  
 17 IC 3-11-10-25.

18 (5) The voter identification number of the individual.

19 (e) If the county election board determines that an absentee ballot  
 20 application does not comply with subsection (d), the board shall deny  
 21 the application under section 17.5 of this chapter.

22 (f) A person who assists an individual in completing any  
 23 information described in subsection (d) on an absentee ballot  
 24 application shall state under the penalties for perjury the following  
 25 information on the application:

26 (1) The full name, residence and mailing address, and daytime  
 27 and evening telephone numbers (if any) of the person providing  
 28 the assistance.

29 (2) The date this assistance was provided.

30 (3) That the person providing the assistance has complied with  
 31 Indiana laws governing the submission of absentee ballot  
 32 applications.

33 (4) That the person has no knowledge or reason to believe that the  
 34 individual submitting the application:

35 (A) is ineligible to vote or to cast an absentee ballot; or

36 (B) did not properly complete and sign the application.

37 **When providing assistance to an individual, the person must, in the**  
 38 **individual's presence and with the individual's consent, provide the**  
 39 **information listed in subsection (d) if the individual is unable to do**  
 40 **so.**

41 (g) This subsection does not apply to an employee of the United  
 42 States Postal Service or a bonded courier company acting in the



1 individual's capacity as an employee of the United States Postal Service  
 2 or a bonded courier company. A person who receives a completed  
 3 absentee ballot application from the individual who has applied for the  
 4 absentee ballot shall indicate on the application the date the person  
 5 received the application, and file the application with the appropriate  
 6 county election board not later than:

7 (1) noon ten (10) days after the person receives the application;

8 or

9 (2) the deadline set by Indiana law for filing the application with  
 10 the board;

11 whichever occurs first. The election division, a county election board,  
 12 or a board of elections and registration shall forward an absentee ballot  
 13 application to the county election board or board of elections and  
 14 registration of the county where the individual resides.

15 (h) This subsection does not apply to an employee of the United  
 16 States Postal Service or a bonded courier company acting in the  
 17 individual's capacity as an employee of the United States Postal Service  
 18 or a bonded courier company, or to the election division, a county  
 19 election board, or a board of elections and registration. A person filing  
 20 an absentee ballot application, other than the person's own absentee  
 21 ballot application, must sign an affidavit at the time of filing the  
 22 application. The affidavit must be in a form prescribed by the  
 23 commission. The form must include the following:

24 (1) A statement of the full name, residence and mailing address,  
 25 and daytime and evening telephone numbers (if any) of the person  
 26 submitting the application.

27 (2) A statement that the person filing the affidavit has complied  
 28 with Indiana laws governing the submission of absentee ballot  
 29 applications.

30 **(3) Beginning January 1, 2015, the date (or dates) that the**  
 31 **absentee ballot applications attached to the affidavit were**  
 32 **received.**

33 ~~(3)~~ (4) A statement that the person has no knowledge or reason to  
 34 believe that the individual whose application is to be filed:

35 (A) is ineligible to vote or to cast an absentee ballot; or

36 (B) did not properly complete and sign the application.

37 ~~(4)~~ (5) A statement that the person is executing the affidavit under  
 38 the penalties of perjury.

39 ~~(5)~~ (6) A statement setting forth the penalties for perjury.

40 (i) The county election board shall record the date and time of the  
 41 filing of the affidavit.

42 SECTION 41. IC 3-11-4-5.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,

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1 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5.1. (a) The commission shall prescribe the  
3 form of an application for an absentee ballot.

4 (b) This subsection does not apply to the form for an absentee ballot  
5 application to be submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or  
6 overseas voter that contains a standardized oath for those voters. The  
7 form of the application for an absentee ballot must do all of the  
8 following:

9 (1) Require the applicant to swear to or affirm under the penalties  
10 of perjury that all of the information set forth on the application  
11 is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.

12 (2) Require a person who assisted with the completion of the  
13 application to swear to or affirm under the penalties of perjury the  
14 statements set forth in section 2(f) of this chapter.

15 (3) Serve as a verified statement for a voter to indicate a change  
16 of name under IC 3-7-41. The form must require the applicant to  
17 indicate the applicant's previous name.

18 (4) Set forth the penalties for perjury.

19 (c) The form prescribed by the commission shall require that a voter  
20 who:

21 (1) requests an absentee ballot; and

22 (2) is eligible to vote in the precinct under IC 3-10-11 or  
23 IC 3-10-12;

24 must include the affidavit required by IC 3-10-11 or a written  
25 affirmation described in IC 3-10-12.

26 (d) ~~Not later than June 30, 2013,~~ The commission shall approve  
27 absentee ballot application forms that comply with this subsection and  
28 section 2(g) of this chapter and permit the applicant to indicate a  
29 change of name under subsection (b). The form prescribed by the  
30 commission must request that a voter who requests an absentee ballot:

31 (1) provide the last four (4) digits of the voter's Social Security  
32 number; or

33 (2) state that the voter does not have a Social Security number.

34 The form must indicate that the voter's compliance with this request is  
35 optional.

36 (e) An application form submitted by a voter ~~after June 30, 2013,~~  
37 must:

38 (1) comply with subsection (d); or

39 (2) be an earlier approved version of an application form  
40 authorized for use on June 30, 2013.

41 (f) The form prescribed by the commission must include a statement  
42 that permits an applicant to indicate whether:





- 1 (1) the applicant has been certified and is currently a participant  
 2 in the address confidentiality program under IC 5-26.5-2; and  
 3 (2) the applicant's legal residence is at the address set forth in the  
 4 applicant's voter registration.

5 If the applicant confirms these statements, the applicant may indicate  
 6 the address of the office of the attorney general as the address ~~at which~~  
 7 ~~the applicant resides~~ and to which the absentee ballot is to be mailed.

8 SECTION 42. IC 3-11-4-17.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,  
 9 SECTION 54, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17.5. (a) Upon receiving an application for an  
 11 absentee ballot, the county election board (or the absentee voter board  
 12 in the office of the circuit court clerk) shall determine if:

- 13 (1) the applicant is a voter of the precinct in which the applicant  
 14 resides, according to the records of the county voter registration  
 15 office;  
 16 (2) the information set forth on the application appears to be true;  
 17 (3) the signature of the voter on the application substantially  
 18 conforms with the signature of the voter on the voter registration  
 19 record, or that any substantial difference between the signatures  
 20 can be accounted for by age or disability of the voter or the  
 21 execution of the affidavit by an individual acting under section  
 22 2(b) of this chapter; and  
 23 (4) the application has been completed and filed in accordance  
 24 with Indiana and federal law.

25 If the members of the absentee voter board are unable to agree about  
 26 any of the determinations described in subdivisions (1) through (4), the  
 27 issue shall be referred to the county election board for determination.  
 28 If the application is submitted by a voter wanting to cast an absentee  
 29 ballot under IC 3-11-10-26, the voter shall be permitted to cast an  
 30 ~~absentee ballot, and the voter's absentee ballot shall be treated as a~~  
 31 ~~provisional ballot, which the county election board shall retain and~~  
 32 ~~not transmit to the voter's precinct.~~

33 (b) If:

- 34 (1) the applicant is not a voter of the precinct according to the  
 35 registration record; or  
 36 (2) the application as completed and filed:  
 37 (A) contains a false statement; or  
 38 (B) does not otherwise comply with Indiana or federal law;

39 as alleged under section 18.5 of this chapter, the county election board  
 40 shall deny the application.

41 (c) A voter's failure to provide the information requested under  
 42 section 5.1(d) of this chapter does not affect a voter's ability to receive



1 an absentee ballot. A county election board may not deny an  
 2 application because the voter has not provided the information  
 3 requested under section 5.1(d) of this chapter as a part of the voter's  
 4 application for an absentee ballot.

5 (d) This subsection applies to an absentee ballot application  
 6 submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter.  
 7 In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1(d), if the application is denied,  
 8 the county election board shall provide the voter with the reasons for  
 9 the denial of the application. Unless the voter is present when the board  
 10 denies the application, the board shall send a written notice stating the  
 11 reasons for the denial to the voter. The notice must be sent:

12 (1) not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the application is  
 13 denied; and

14 (2) to the voter at the address at which the voter requested that the  
 15 absentee ballot be mailed.

16 (e) If the county election board determines that the applicant is a  
 17 voter of the precinct under subsection (a), the board shall then  
 18 determine whether:

19 (1) the applicant was required to file any additional  
 20 documentation under IC 3-7-33-4.5; and

21 (2) the applicant has filed this documentation according to the  
 22 records of the county voter registration office.

23 If the applicant has not filed the required documentation, the county  
 24 election board shall approve the application if the application otherwise  
 25 complies with this chapter. The board shall add a notation to the  
 26 application and to the record compiled under section 17 of this chapter  
 27 indicating that the applicant will be required to provide additional  
 28 documentation to the county voter registration office under  
 29 IC 3-7-33-4.5 before the absentee ballot may be counted.

30 (f) If the applicant:

31 (1) is a voter of the precinct according to the registration record;

32 **and**

33 (2) states on the application that the applicant resides at an  
 34 address that is within the same precinct but is not the same  
 35 address shown on the registration record; **and**

36 ~~(3) provides a voter identification number on the application to~~  
 37 ~~permit transfer of registration under IC 3-7-13-13;~~

38 the county election board shall direct the county voter registration  
 39 office to transfer the applicant's voter registration address to the  
 40 address within the precinct shown on the application. The applicant's  
 41 application for an absentee ballot shall be approved if the applicant is  
 42 otherwise eligible to receive the ballot under this chapter.



1 SECTION 43. IC 3-11-4-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 19. (a) Subject to  
 3 IC 3-5-4-9 **and subsection (c)**, a ballot that is mailed must bear the  
 4 circuit court clerk's official seal and signature or facsimile signature on  
 5 the back of the ballot. Before the ballot is mailed:

6 (1) the two (2) members of the absentee voter board in the office  
 7 of the circuit court clerk; or

8 (2) the two (2) appointed members of the county election board  
 9 or their designated representatives;

10 shall place their initials in ink on the back of the ballot. The initials  
 11 must be in the persons' ordinary handwriting or printing and without a  
 12 distinguishing mark of any kind. No other initialing of the absentee  
 13 ballot is necessary.

14 (b) An absentee ballot that is voted before an absentee voter board  
 15 under IC 3-11-10-25 or IC 3-11-10-26 must bear the seal, signature,  
 16 and initials prescribed by IC 3-11-10-27.

17 **(c) A county election board may adopt a resolution by the**  
 18 **unanimous vote of the board's entire membership as follows:**

19 **(1) That all the information required by subsection (a) to be**  
 20 **printed on a paper or optical scan ballot may be printed on**  
 21 **the front side of the ballot.**

22 **(2) That including the required seal, signature, and space for**  
 23 **the two (2) required initials on the front of the ballot would**  
 24 **reduce the county's printing costs.**

25 **(3) That there is no reason to believe that printing all the**  
 26 **required information on the front side of the ballot would**  
 27 **result in voter confusion or threaten the integrity of the**  
 28 **election process.**

29 **(d) A resolution adopted by the county election board under**  
 30 **subsection (c):**

31 **(1) may order that the seal, signature, and space for the two**  
 32 **(2) initials required by subsection (a) be printed on the front**  
 33 **side of the ballot; and**

34 **(2) expires December 31 next following the resolution's**  
 35 **adoption.**

36 SECTION 44. IC 3-11-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2005,  
 37 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. In preparing the polls for an election, the  
 39 county executive shall:

40 (1) have placed within the room a railing separating the part of the  
 41 room to be occupied by the precinct election board from that part  
 42 of the room to be occupied by the ballot card voting systems,



- 1 electronic voting systems, and the three (3) or more booths or  
 2 compartments for marking paper ballots, whenever either or two  
 3 (2) of these voting systems are used;  
 4 (2) ensure that the portion of the room set apart for the precinct  
 5 election board includes a ~~door~~ **designated area before the voter**  
 6 **approaches the precinct election board** at which each voter  
 7 appears for challenge; and  
 8 (3) provide a method or material for designating the boundaries  
 9 of the chute, such as a railing, rope, or wire on each side,  
 10 beginning a distance equal to the length of the chute (as defined  
 11 in IC 3-5-2-10) away from and leading to the door for challenge  
 12 and to the room in which the election is held.

13 SECTION 45. IC 3-11-8-10.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,  
 14 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10.3. (a) ~~As used in this section, "electronic~~  
 16 ~~poll list" refers to a poll list that is maintained in a computer data base.~~  
 17 **A reference to an electronic poll list in a vote center plan adopted**  
 18 **under IC 3-11-18.1 before July 1, 2014, is considered to be a**  
 19 **reference to an electronic poll book (as defined by IC 3-5-2-20.5),**  
 20 **unless otherwise expressly provided in the vote center plan.**

- 21 (b) An electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must satisfy all of the following:  
 22 (1) An electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must be programmed so that the  
 23 coordinated action of two (2) election officers who are not  
 24 members of the same political party is necessary to access the  
 25 electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**.  
 26 (2) An electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** may not be connected to a voting  
 27 system.  
 28 (3) An electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** may not permit access to voter  
 29 information other than:  
 30 (A) information provided on the certified list of voters  
 31 prepared under IC 3-7-29-1; or  
 32 (B) information concerning any of the following received or  
 33 issued after the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** has been downloaded  
 34 by the county election board under IC 3-7-29-6:  
 35 (i) The county's receipt of an absentee ballot from the voter.  
 36 (ii) The county's receipt of additional documentation  
 37 provided by the voter to the county voter registration office.  
 38 (iii) The county's issuance of a certificate of error.  
 39 (4) The information contained on an electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must  
 40 be encrypted and placed on a dedicated, private server to secure  
 41 connectivity between a precinct polling place or satellite absentee  
 42 office and the county election board. The electronic poll book



- 1 must have the capability of:
- 2 (A) storing (in external or internal memory) a local version of
- 3 the ~~data base~~; **electronic poll list**; and
- 4 (B) producing a list of audit records that reflect all of the
- 5 idiosyncrasies of the system, including in-process audit
- 6 records that set forth all transactions.
- 7 (5) The electronic poll ~~list book~~ must permit a poll clerk to enter
- 8 information regarding an individual who has appeared to vote to
- 9 verify whether the individual is eligible to vote, and if so, whether
- 10 the voter has:
- 11 (A) already cast a ballot at the election;
- 12 (B) returned an absentee ballot; or
- 13 (C) submitted any additional documentation required under
- 14 IC 3-7-33-4.5.
- 15 (6) After the voter has been provided with a ballot, the electronic
- 16 poll ~~list book~~ must permit a poll clerk to enter information
- 17 indicating that the voter has voted at the election.
- 18 (7) The electronic poll ~~list book~~ must transmit the information in
- 19 subdivision (6) to the county election board so that the board may
- 20 transmit the information immediately to every other polling place
- 21 or satellite absentee office in the county. ~~in which an electronic~~
- 22 ~~poll list is being used.~~
- 23 (8) The electronic poll ~~list book~~ must permit reports to be:
- 24 (A) generated by a county election board for a watcher
- 25 appointed under IC 3-6-8 at any time during election day; and
- 26 (B) electronically transmitted by the county election board to
- 27 a political party or independent candidate who has appointed
- 28 a watcher under IC 3-6-8.
- 29 (9) On each day after absentee ballots are cast before an absentee
- 30 voter board in the circuit court clerk's office, a satellite office, or
- 31 a vote center, and after election day, the electronic poll ~~list book~~
- 32 must permit voter history to be quickly and accurately uploaded
- 33 into the computerized list.
- 34 (10) The electronic poll ~~list book~~ must be able to display an
- 35 electronic image of the signature of a voter taken from the voter's
- 36 registration application, if available.
- 37 (11) The electronic poll ~~list book~~ must be used with a signature
- 38 pad, tablet, or other signature capturing device that permits the
- 39 voter to make an electronic signature for comparison with the
- 40 signature displayed under subdivision (10). An image of the
- 41 electronic signature made by the voter on the signature pad,
- 42 tablet, or other signature capturing device must be retained and



- 1 identified as the signature of the voter for the period required for  
 2 retention under IC 3-10-1-31.1.
- 3 (12) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must include a bar code reader  
 4 or tablet that:
- 5 (A) permits a voter who presents an Indiana driver's license or  
 6 a state identification card issued under IC 9-24-16 to scan the  
 7 license or card through the bar code reader or tablet; and  
 8 (B) has the capability to display the voter's registration record  
 9 upon processing the information contained within the bar code  
 10 on the license or card.
- 11 (13) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must be compatible with:
- 12 (A) any hardware attached to the **electronic** poll book, such as  
 13 signature pads, bar code scanners, and network cards;  
 14 (B) the statewide voter registration system; and  
 15 (C) any software system used to prepare voter information to  
 16 be included on the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**.
- 17 (14) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must have the ability to be used  
 18 in conformity with this title for:
- 19 (A) any type of election conducted in Indiana; or  
 20 (B) any combination of elections held concurrently with a  
 21 general election, municipal election, primary election, or  
 22 special election.
- 23 (15) The procedures for setting up, using, and shutting down an  
 24 electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must:
- 25 (A) be reasonably easy for a precinct election officer to learn,  
 26 understand, and perform; and  
 27 (B) not require a significant amount of training in addition to  
 28 the training required by IC 3-6-6-40.
- 29 (16) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must enable a precinct election  
 30 officer to verify that the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**:
- 31 (A) has been set up correctly;  
 32 (B) is working correctly so as to verify the eligibility of the  
 33 voter;  
 34 (C) is correctly recording that a voter has voted; and  
 35 (D) has been shut down correctly.
- 36 (17) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must include the following  
 37 documentation:
- 38 (A) Plainly worded, complete, and detailed instructions  
 39 sufficient for a precinct election officer to set up, use, and shut  
 40 down the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**.  
 41 (B) Training materials that:  
 42 (i) may be in written or video form; and



- 1 (ii) must be in a format suitable for use at a polling place,  
 2 such as simple "how to" guides.
- 3 (C) Failsafe data recovery procedures for information included  
 4 in the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**.
- 5 (D) Usability tests:  
 6 (i) that are conducted by the manufacturer of the electronic  
 7 poll ~~list~~ **book** using individuals who are representative of the  
 8 general public;  
 9 (ii) that include the setting up, using, and shutting down of  
 10 the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**; and  
 11 (iii) that report their results using the ANSI/INCITS -354  
 12 Common Industry Format (CIF) for Usability Test Reports  
 13 approved by the American National Standards Institute  
 14 (ANSI) on December 12, 2001.
- 15 (E) A clear model of the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** system  
 16 architecture and the following documentation:  
 17 (i) End user documentation.  
 18 (ii) System-level documentation.  
 19 (iii) Developer documentation.
- 20 (F) Detailed information concerning:  
 21 (i) electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** consumables; and  
 22 (ii) the vendor's supply chain for those consumables.
- 23 (G) Vendor internal quality assurance procedures and any  
 24 internal or external test data and reports available to the  
 25 vendor concerning the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**.
- 26 (H) Repair and maintenance policies for the electronic poll  
 27 ~~list~~ **book**.
- 28 (I) As of the date of the vendor's application for approval of  
 29 the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** by the secretary of state as  
 30 required by ~~IC 3-11-18.1-12(2)~~; **IC 3-11-18.1-12**, the  
 31 following:  
 32 (i) A list of customers who are using or have previously used  
 33 the vendor's electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**.  
 34 (ii) A description of any known anomalies involving the  
 35 functioning of the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**, including how  
 36 those anomalies were resolved.
- 37 (18) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** and any hardware attached to  
 38 the **electronic** poll book must be designed to prevent injury or  
 39 damage to any individual or the hardware, including fire and  
 40 electrical hazards.
- 41 (19) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must demonstrate that it  
 42 correctly processes all activity regarding each voter registration



1 record included on the ~~list~~; **electronic poll book**, including the  
 2 use, alteration, storage, and transmittal of information that is part  
 3 of the record. Compliance with this subdivision requires the  
 4 mapping of the data life cycle of the voter registration record as  
 5 processed by the electronic poll ~~list~~; **book**.

6 (20) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must successfully perform in  
 7 accordance with all representations concerning functionality,  
 8 usability, security, accessibility, and sustainability made in the  
 9 vendor's application for approval of the electronic poll ~~list~~ **book**  
 10 by the secretary of state as required by ~~IC 3-11-18.1-12(2)~~;  
 11 **IC 3-11-18.1-12**.

12 (21) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must have the capacity to  
 13 transmit all information generated by the voter or poll clerk as  
 14 part of the process of casting a ballot, including the time and date  
 15 stamp indicating when the voter ~~voted~~; **signed the poll book**, and  
 16 the electronic signature of the voter, for retention on the dedicated  
 17 private server maintained by the county election board for the  
 18 period required by Indiana and federal law.

19 (22) The electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** must:

20 (A) permit a voter to sign the poll ~~list~~ **book** even when there is  
 21 a temporary interruption in connectivity to the Internet; and

22 (B) provide for the uploading of each signature and its  
 23 assignment to the voter's registration record.

24 SECTION 46. IC 3-11-8-11.3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 25 PASSAGE]. Sec. 11.3: (a) This section applies to a voter casting an  
 26 absentee ballot at:

27 (1) a location of the office of the circuit court clerk designated by  
 28 the circuit court clerk under IC 3-11-10-26(a)(1);

29 (2) the office of the board of elections and registration under  
 30 IC 3-11-10-26(b)(1); or

31 (3) a satellite office established under IC 3-11-10-26.3.

32 (b) When the hour for closing the location or office, or the deadline  
 33 for voting established by IC 3-11-10-26, occurs, a voter who is:

34 (1) in the act of voting; or

35 (2) in line to vote, as determined in subsection (c);

36 shall be permitted to vote, unless otherwise prevented according to law.

37 (c) At the time described in subsection (b), an individual designated  
 38 by the circuit court clerk shall:

39 (1) determine the end of the line of voters who are waiting to vote  
 40 at the time described in subsection (b); and

41 (2) use one (1) of the following methods to identify the voters in  
 42 the line who may vote unless otherwise prevented according to





1 law:

2 (A) Write down the name of each voter.

3 (B) Stamp each voter's hand.

4 (C) Stand, or designate another individual to stand,  
5 immediately behind the last voter who may vote.

6 SECTION 47. IC 3-11-8-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 19. Voters shall  
8 approach and enter the chute in the order in which they appear for the  
9 purpose of voting. **After entering the polls, the voter shall proceed**  
10 **to the designated area for challengers.** A voter shall immediately  
11 announce the voter's full and true name to the challengers.

12 SECTION 48. IC 3-11-8-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,  
13 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 23. (a) If a challenged voter has already made  
15 an affirmation or executed an affidavit under IC 3-7-48-7.5,  
16 IC 3-10-10-9, IC 3-10-11-4.5, or IC 3-10-12-5, the challenged voter is  
17 not required to execute an additional affidavit under this section.

18 (b) The affidavit of a challenged voter required by section 22.1 of  
19 this chapter must be sworn and affirmed and must contain the  
20 following:

21 (1) A statement that the voter is a citizen of the United States.

22 (2) The voter's date of birth to the best of the voter's information  
23 and belief.

24 (3) A statement that the voter has been a resident of the precinct  
25 for thirty (30) days immediately before this election or is qualified  
26 to vote in the precinct under IC 3-10-10, IC 3-10-11, or  
27 IC 3-10-12.

28 (4) The voter's name and a statement that the voter is generally  
29 known by that name.

30 (5) A statement that the voter has not voted and will not vote in  
31 any other precinct in this election.

32 ~~(6) The voter's occupation.~~

33 ~~(7)~~ (6) The voter's current residential address, including the street  
34 or number, and if applicable, the voter's residential address thirty  
35 (30) days before the election, and the date the voter moved.

36 **(7) If applicable, that, when the voter was challenged to**  
37 **present proof of identification or an additional document to**  
38 **confirm the voter's identity and current residence, the voter**  
39 **presented proof of identification or the additional**  
40 **documentation that complied with IC 3-5-2-40.5 or**  
41 **IC 3-7-33-4.5.**

42 (8) A statement that the voter understands that making a false



- 1 statement on the affidavit is punishable under the penalties of  
 2 perjury.
- 3 (9) If the individual's name does not appear on the registration  
 4 list, a statement that the individual registered to vote and where  
 5 the individual believes the individual registered to vote during the  
 6 registration period described by IC 3-7-13-10.
- 7 SECTION 49. IC 3-11-8-25.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,  
 8 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 25.1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (e),  
 10 a voter who desires to vote an official ballot at an election shall provide  
 11 proof of identification.
- 12 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e), before the voter proceeds  
 13 to vote in the election, a precinct election officer shall ask the voter to  
 14 provide proof of identification. One (1) of each of the precinct election  
 15 officers nominated by each county chairman of a major political party  
 16 of the county under IC 3-6-6-8 or IC 3-6-6-9 is entitled to ask the voter  
 17 to provide proof of identification. The voter shall produce the proof of  
 18 identification to each precinct officer requesting the proof of  
 19 identification before being permitted to sign the poll list.
- 20 (c) If:
- 21 (1) the voter is unable or declines to present the proof of  
 22 identification; or
- 23 (2) a member of the precinct election board determines that the  
 24 proof of identification provided by the voter does not qualify as  
 25 proof of identification under IC 3-5-2-40.5;
- 26 a member of the precinct election board shall challenge the voter as  
 27 prescribed by this chapter.
- 28 (d) If the voter executes a challenged voter's affidavit under section  
 29 22.1 of this chapter, the voter may:
- 30 (1) sign the poll list; and
- 31 (2) receive a provisional ballot.
- 32 (e) A voter who votes in person at a precinct polling place that is  
 33 located at a state licensed care facility where the voter resides is not  
 34 required to provide proof of identification before voting in an election.
- 35 (f) After a voter has passed the challengers or has been sworn in, the  
 36 voter shall be instructed by a member of the precinct election board to  
 37 proceed to the location where the poll clerks are stationed. The voter  
 38 shall announce the voter's name to the poll clerks or assistant poll  
 39 clerks. A poll clerk, an assistant poll clerk, or a member of the precinct  
 40 election board shall require the voter to write the following on the poll  
 41 list or to provide the following information for entry into the electronic  
 42 poll list:



- 1 (1) The voter's name.
- 2 (2) Except as provided in subsection (k), the voter's current  
3 residence address.
- 4 (g) The poll clerk, an assistant poll clerk, or a member of the  
5 precinct election board shall:
- 6 (1) ask the voter to provide or update the voter's voter  
7 identification number;
- 8 (2) tell the voter the number the voter may use as a voter  
9 identification number; and
- 10 (3) explain to the voter that the voter is not required to provide or  
11 update a voter identification number at the polls.
- 12 (h) The poll clerk, an assistant poll clerk, or a member of the  
13 precinct election board shall ask the voter to provide proof of  
14 identification.
- 15 (i) In case of doubt concerning a voter's identity, the precinct  
16 election board shall compare the voter's signature with the signature on  
17 the affidavit of registration or any certified copy of the signature  
18 provided under IC 3-7-29 or enter the information into the electronic  
19 poll list. If the board determines that the voter's signature is authentic,  
20 the voter may then vote. If either poll clerk doubts the voter's identity  
21 following comparison of the signatures, the poll clerk shall challenge  
22 the voter in the manner prescribed by section 21 of this chapter.
- 23 (j) If, in a precinct governed by subsection (g):
- 24 (1) the poll clerk does not execute a challenger's affidavit; or  
25 (2) the voter executes a challenged voter's affidavit under section  
26 22.1 of this chapter or executed the affidavit before signing the  
27 poll list;
- 28 the voter may then vote.
- 29 (k) The electronic poll ~~list book~~ (or each line on a poll list sheet  
30 provided to take a voter's current address) must include a box under the  
31 heading "Address Unchanged" so that the voter may check the box  
32 instead of writing the voter's current address on the poll list, or if an  
33 electronic poll ~~list book~~ is used, the poll clerk may check the box after  
34 stating to the voter the address shown on the electronic poll list and  
35 receiving an oral affirmation from the voter that the voter's residence  
36 address shown on the poll list is the voter's current residence address  
37 instead of writing the voter's current residence address on the poll list  
38 or reentering the address in the electronic poll ~~list book~~.
- 39 (l) If the voter indicates that the voter's current residence is located  
40 within another county in Indiana, the voter is considered to have  
41 directed the county voter registration office of the county where the  
42 precinct is located to cancel the voter registration record within the



1 county. The precinct election board shall provide the voter with a voter  
 2 registration application for the voter to complete and file with the  
 3 county voter registration office of the county where the voter's current  
 4 residence address is located.

5 (m) If the voter indicates that the voter's current residence is located  
 6 outside Indiana, the voter is considered to have directed the county  
 7 voter registration office of the county where the precinct is located to  
 8 cancel the voter registration record within the county.

9 SECTION 50. IC 3-11-10-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,  
 10 SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. Subject to IC 3-10-8-7.5, **IC 3-12-1-17**,  
 12 and section 11 of this chapter, absentee ballots received by mail (or by  
 13 fax or electronic mail under IC 3-11-4-6) after the county election  
 14 board has started the final delivery of the ballots to the precincts on  
 15 election day are considered as arriving too late and need not be  
 16 delivered to the polls.

17 SECTION 51. IC 3-11-10-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2005,  
 18 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 16. (a) If the inspector finds under section 15  
 20 of this chapter that:

- 21 (1) the affidavit is properly executed;
- 22 (2) the signatures correspond;
- 23 (3) the absentee voter is a qualified voter of the precinct;
- 24 (4) the absentee voter is registered and is not required to file  
 25 additional information with the county voter registration office  
 26 under IC 3-7-33-4.5;
- 27 (5) the absentee voter has not voted in person at the election; and
- 28 (6) in case of a primary election, if the absentee voter has not  
 29 previously voted, the absentee voter has executed the proper  
 30 declaration relative to age and qualifications and the political  
 31 party with which the absentee voter intends to affiliate;

32 then the inspector shall open the envelope containing the absentee  
 33 ballots so as not to deface or destroy the affidavit and take out each  
 34 ballot enclosed without unfolding or permitting a ballot to be unfolded  
 35 or examined.

36 (b) The inspector shall then hand the ballots to the judges who shall  
 37 deposit the ballots in the proper ballot box. ~~and enter the absentee~~  
 38 ~~voter's name on the poll list, as if the absentee voter had been present~~  
 39 ~~and voted in person.~~ The ~~judges~~ **inspector** shall mark the poll list **in**  
 40 **the presence of the poll clerks** to indicate that the voter has voted by  
 41 absentee ballot. If the voter has registered and voted under  
 42 IC 3-7-36-14, the inspector shall attach to the poll list the circuit court



1 clerk's certification that the voter has registered.

2 SECTION 52. IC 3-11-10-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 21. The vote of an  
4 absentee voter may be challenged at the polls for the reason that the  
5 absentee voter is not a legal voter of the precinct where the ballot is  
6 being cast. The challenge under this section regarding the absentee  
7 ballot must be determined **by the county election board** using the  
8 procedures for counting a provisional ballot under IC 3-11.7.

9 SECTION 53. IC 3-11-10-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.109-2005,  
10 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 22. (a) If an absentee ballot is challenged  
12 under section 21 of this chapter, the absentee voter's application for an  
13 absentee ballot shall be considered as the affidavit required to be made  
14 by a voter when challenged at the polls while voting in person.

15 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the challenge procedure  
16 under this section is the same as though the ballot was cast by the voter  
17 in person.

18 (c) An absentee voter is not required to provide proof of  
19 identification.

20 (d) If a proper affidavit is made that would entitle the absentee voter  
21 to vote if the absentee voter had personally appeared, then the absentee  
22 ballot **envelope must be marked to indicate that a provisional ballot**  
23 **is enclosed, and the envelope** shall be placed ~~in the ballot box~~ **with**  
24 **the other provisional ballot envelopes for transmittal to the county**  
25 **election board.**

26 SECTION 54. IC 3-11-10-26.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,  
27 SECTION 61, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
28 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 26.2. (a) A

29 (†) county election board or

30 (‡) board of elections and registration

31 ~~of a county subject to IC 3-11.5 may adopt a resolution to authorize the~~  
32 ~~circuit court clerk to use~~ **shall comply with IC 3-11-9-6 by providing**  
33 an electronic voting system for voting by absentee ballot in the office  
34 of the circuit court clerk, ~~or the~~ board of elections and registration, **or**  
35 **a satellite office established under section 26.3 of this chapter, by**  
36 **a voter with disabilities or any other qualified absentee voter who**  
37 **wishes to cast an absentee ballot on the electronic voting system.**

38 (b) **The county election board or board of elections and**  
39 **registration may adopt** a resolution ~~adopted~~ under this subsection  
40 ~~may also~~ **section to** authorize the circuit court clerk to use an electronic  
41 voting system for voting by voters eligible to cast an absentee ballot  
42 before an absentee board under section 25 of this chapter.



1           ~~(b)~~ A resolution adopted under this section must be adopted by the  
2 unanimous vote of the board's entire membership.

3           (c) ~~A resolution adopted~~ **A county providing absentee ballot**  
4 **voting** under this section must ~~provide~~ **adopt** procedures to do the  
5 following:

6           (1) Secure absentee votes cast on an electronic voting system that  
7 provide protection comparable to the protection provided to  
8 absentee votes cast by paper ballot.

9           (2) Compare the signature on an absentee ballot application with  
10 the applicant's signature on the applicant's voter registration  
11 application.

12           (3) Ensure that an invalid ballot (as determined under IC 3-11.5)  
13 is not counted.

14           (4) Specify how a spoiled absentee ballot is to be canceled in the  
15 direct record electronic voting system if a voter casts and returns  
16 a replacement absentee ballot.

17           (d) A resolution adopted under this section may contain other  
18 provisions to implement this section that the board considers useful and  
19 that are not contrary to Indiana or federal law.

20           (e) If a resolution is adopted under this section, the circuit court  
21 clerk may use as many electronic voting machines for recording  
22 absentee votes as the clerk considers necessary, subject to the  
23 resolution adopted by the board.

24           (f) Notwithstanding any other law, an absentee ballot voted on an  
25 electronic voting system under this section is not required to bear the  
26 seal, signature, and initials prescribed by section 27 of this chapter.

27           (g) If a resolution is adopted under this section, the procedure for  
28 casting an absentee ballot on an electronic voting system must, except  
29 as provided in this section, be substantially the same as the procedure  
30 for casting an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk  
31 under section 26 of this chapter.

32           SECTION 55. IC 3-11-10-27 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015]: Sec. 27. (a) This  
34 section does not apply to a ballot mailed to a voter under this chapter.

35           (b) Subject to IC 3-5-4-9, before a ballot is voted under section 25  
36 or 26 of this chapter before an absentee voter board, it must bear the  
37 circuit court clerk's official seal and signature or facsimile signature  
38 and be initialed by:

39           (1) the absentee voter board visiting the voter under section 25(b)  
40 of this chapter (except in a county subject to subsection (c)); or

41           (2) the county election board or the board's designated  
42 representatives under IC 3-11-4-19 if the ballot is cast at the



1 office of the circuit court clerk under section 26 of this chapter.

2 (c) A county election board may adopt a resolution providing that  
3 the absentee ballots to be voted before an absentee voter board visiting  
4 the voter under section 25(b) of this chapter must be initialed by the  
5 county election board or the board's representatives under IC 3-11-4-19  
6 and not by the absentee voter board visiting the voter. A resolution  
7 adopted under this subsection remains in effect until rescinded by the  
8 county election board. The election board may not rescind the  
9 resolution during the final sixty (60) days before an election.

10 (d) **Except as provided by subsection (e)**, the initials must be in  
11 ink on the back of the ballot, in the person's ordinary handwriting or  
12 printing, and without a distinguishing mark of any kind. No other  
13 initialing of the absentee ballot is necessary.

14 **(e) If a county election board determines by the unanimous vote**  
15 **of the board's entire membership as follows, the county election**  
16 **board may order that the seal, signature, and space for the initials**  
17 **required by subsection (b) be printed on the front side of the ballot:**

18 **(1) That all the information required to be printed on a paper**  
19 **or optical scan ballot may be printed on the front side of the**  
20 **ballot.**

21 **(2) That including the required seal, signature, and space for**  
22 **the two (2) required initials on the front of the ballot would**  
23 **reduce the county's printing costs.**

24 **(3) That there is no reason to believe that printing all the**  
25 **required information on the front side of the ballot would**  
26 **result in voter confusion or threaten the integrity of the**  
27 **election process.**

28 SECTION 56. IC 3-11-10-29, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,  
29 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
30 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 29. (a) The envelope required by section 28 of this  
31 chapter must bear upon its face a printed affidavit containing the voter's  
32 affirmation under penalties of perjury that the following information is  
33 true:

34 The voter must indicate the voter's precinct and township (or ward  
35 and city or town) and indicate whether the voter is entitled to vote  
36 as a resident of the precinct or is entitled to vote under IC 3-10-11  
37 or IC 3-10-12.

38 (b) The voter must sign and date the affidavit, and the absentee  
39 voter board **members each** must sign the affidavit, **and after**  
40 **December 31, 2014, print the member's name.**

41 (c) The absentee voter board must indicate on the affidavit if:

42 (1) the board visited the voter in the manner authorized under



1 section 25(b) of this chapter; and

2 (2) the voter was a voter with disabilities who was unable to make  
3 a voting mark on the ballot or sign the absentee ballot secrecy  
4 envelope under section 24(b) of this chapter.

5 SECTION 57. IC 3-11-10-29.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
6 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 29.2. (a) This section applies**  
8 **to a voter casting an absentee ballot at:**

9 (1) the location of the office of the circuit court clerk  
10 designated by the circuit court clerk under  
11 IC 3-11-10-26(a)(1);

12 (2) the office of the board of elections and registration under  
13 IC 3-11-10-26(b)(1); or

14 (3) a satellite office established under IC 3-11-10-26.3.

15 (b) When the hour for closing the location or office described in  
16 subsection (a) or the deadline for voting established by  
17 IC 3-11-10-26 occurs, a voter who is:

18 (1) in the act of voting; or

19 (2) in line to vote, as determined in subsection (c);

20 shall be permitted to vote, if otherwise qualified to vote according  
21 to law.

22 (c) At the time described in subsection (b), an individual  
23 designated by the circuit court clerk shall:

24 (1) determine the end of the line of voters who are waiting to  
25 vote; and

26 (2) use one (1) of the following methods to identify the voters  
27 in the line who may vote if otherwise qualified to vote  
28 according to law:

29 (A) Write down the name of each voter.

30 (B) Stamp each voter's hand.

31 (C) Stand, or designate another individual to stand,  
32 immediately behind the last voter who may vote.

33 SECTION 58. IC 3-11-11-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. Following the  
35 resolution of any challenge to a voter, as each successive voter calls for  
36 a ballot, the poll clerks or assistant poll clerks shall deliver to the voter  
37 the first initialed ballot. ~~of each type.~~ The inspector shall then deliver  
38 to the clerks another ballot, ~~of each type,~~ which the clerks shall initial  
39 as before. **The voter shall then sign the poll list.**

40 SECTION 59. IC 3-11-11-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON  
41 PASSAGE]. ~~Sec. 15. After a voter's ballots have been deposited in the~~  
42 ~~ballot box, the poll clerks or assistant poll clerks shall make a voting~~





- 1 mark after the name of the voter on the poll list.
- 2 SECTION 60. IC 3-11-18.1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,
- 3 SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. The plan required by section 3 of this
- 5 chapter must include at least the following:
- 6 (1) The total number of vote centers to be established.
- 7 (2) The location of each vote center.
- 8 (3) The effective date of the order.
- 9 (4) The following information according to the computerized list
- 10 (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2) as of the date of the order:
- 11 (A) The total number of voters within the county.
- 12 (B) The number of active voters within the county.
- 13 (C) The number of inactive voters within the county.
- 14 (5) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), a list
- 15 of the precincts whose polls will be located at the vote center
- 16 consistent with section 13 of this chapter for an election that is not
- 17 being held in each precinct of the county.
- 18 (6) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the
- 19 number of precinct election boards that will be appointed to
- 20 administer an election at the vote center.
- 21 (7) For each precinct election board designated under subdivision
- 22 (6), the number and name of each precinct the precinct election
- 23 board will administer consistent with section 13 of this chapter for
- 24 an election that is not being held in each precinct of the county.
- 25 (8) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the
- 26 number and title of the precinct election officers who will be
- 27 appointed to serve at the vote center.
- 28 (9) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2):
- 29 (A) the number and type of ballot variations that will be
- 30 provided at the vote center; and
- 31 (B) whether these ballots will be:
- 32 (i) delivered to the vote center before the opening of the
- 33 polls; or
- 34 (ii) printed on demand for a voter's use.
- 35 (10) A detailed description of any hardware, firmware, or
- 36 software used:
- 37 (A) to create an electronic poll list for each precinct whose
- 38 polls are to be located at a vote center; or
- 39 (B) to establish a secure electronic connection between the
- 40 county election board and the precinct election officials
- 41 administering a vote center.
- 42 (11) A description of the equipment and procedures to be used to



1 ensure that information concerning a voter entered into any  
 2 electronic poll ~~list~~ **book** used by precinct election officers at a  
 3 vote center is immediately accessible to:

4 (A) the county election board; and

5 (B) the electronic poll ~~lists~~ **books** used by precinct election  
 6 officers at all other vote centers in the county.

7 (12) For each precinct designated under subdivision (5), the  
 8 number of electronic poll ~~lists~~ **books** to be provided for the  
 9 precinct.

10 (13) The security and contingency plans to be implemented by the  
 11 county to do all of the following:

12 (A) Prevent a disruption of the vote center process.

13 (B) Ensure that the election is properly conducted if a  
 14 disruption occurs.

15 (C) Prevent access to an electronic poll list without the  
 16 coordinated action of two (2) precinct election officers who are  
 17 not members of the same political party.

18 (14) A certification that the vote center complies with the  
 19 accessibility requirements applicable to polling places under  
 20 IC 3-11-8.

21 (15) A sketch depicting the planned layout of the vote center,  
 22 indicating the location of:

23 (A) equipment; and

24 (B) precinct election officers;

25 within the vote center.

26 (16) The total number and locations of satellite offices to be  
 27 established under IC 3-11-10-26.3 at vote center locations  
 28 designated under subdivision (2) to allow voters to cast absentee  
 29 ballots in accordance with IC 3-11. However, a plan must provide  
 30 for at least one (1) vote center to be established as a satellite  
 31 office under IC 3-11-10-26.3 on the two (2) Saturdays  
 32 immediately preceding an election day.

33 (17) The method and timing of providing voter data to persons  
 34 who are entitled to receive the data under this title. Data shall be  
 35 provided to all persons entitled to the data without unreasonable  
 36 delay.

37 (18) That the county election board shall adopt a resolution under  
 38 IC 3-11.5-5-1 or IC 3-11.5-6-1 to make the central counting of  
 39 absentee ballots applicable to the county (if the board has not  
 40 already done so).

41 **(19) For a plan adopted after July 1, 2014, in a county in**  
 42 **which a majority of votes are cast on optical scan ballot cards,**



- 1           **any additional procedures to provide for efficient and secure**  
 2           **voting at each vote center, including ballot on demand**  
 3           **printing.**
- 4           SECTION 61. IC 3-11-18.1-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2011,  
 5           SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6           UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),**  
 7           a plan must provide a vote center for use by voters residing within the  
 8           county for use in a primary election, general election, special election,  
 9           municipal primary, or municipal election conducted on or after the  
 10          effective date of the county election board's order.
- 11          **(b) A plan may provide that a vote center will not be used in a**  
 12          **municipal election conducted in 2015 and every four (4) years**  
 13          **thereafter for some or all of the towns:**
- 14               **(1) located within the county; and**  
 15               **(2) having a population of less than three thousand five**  
 16               **hundred (3,500).**
- 17          SECTION 62. IC 3-11-18.1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.271-2013,  
 18          SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19          UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. **(a) Notwithstanding section 1 of this**  
 20          **chapter, this section applies to an electronic poll book to be used in:**
- 21               **(1) a precinct polling place, office of the circuit court clerk, or**  
 22               **a satellite office in accordance with IC 3-7-29-6; or**  
 23               **(2) a vote center under this chapter.**
- 24          ~~(a)~~ **(b)** Notwithstanding any other law, the electronic poll list used  
 25          at each vote center must:
- 26               (1) comply with IC 3-11-8-10.3; and  
 27               (2) be approved by the secretary of state in accordance with this  
 28               section.
- 29          ~~(b)~~ **(c)** A person who wishes to market, sell, lease, or provide an  
 30          electronic poll book for use in an election in Indiana must first file an  
 31          application for certification with the election division on a form  
 32          prescribed by the secretary of state.
- 33          ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The secretary of state shall refer the application to the person  
 34          or entity conducting the voting system technical oversight program  
 35          (VSTOP) established by IC 3-11-16-2.
- 36          ~~(d)~~ **(e)** The VSTOP shall examine the electronic poll book with its  
 37          accompanying documentation and file a report with the secretary of  
 38          state indicating:
- 39               (1) whether the electronic poll book would operate in compliance  
 40               with this title;  
 41               (2) any recommendations regarding the acquisition or use of the  
 42               electronic poll book; and



1 (3) whether VSTOP recommends that the secretary of state  
 2 approve the electronic poll book under this section, including any  
 3 recommended restrictions that should be placed on the secretary  
 4 of state's approval.

5 ~~(e)~~ (f) After the report required by subsection ~~(d)~~ (e) is filed, the  
 6 secretary of state may approve the application for certification  
 7 permitting the electronic poll book to be used in an election in Indiana.

8 ~~(f)~~ (g) A certification under this section expires on December 31 of  
 9 the year following the date of its issuance, unless earlier revoked by the  
 10 secretary of state upon a written finding of good cause for the  
 11 revocation.

12 SECTION 63. IC 3-11.5-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) If a county  
 14 election board unanimously finds that the signature on a ballot  
 15 envelope or transmitted affidavit is genuine, the board shall enclose  
 16 immediately the accepted and unopened ballot envelope, together with  
 17 the voter's application for the absentee ballot, in a large or carrier  
 18 envelope. **The board may enclose in the same carrier envelope all**  
 19 **absentee ballot envelopes and applications.**

20 (b) The envelope shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the  
 21 name and official title of the circuit court clerk and the following  
 22 words: "This envelope contains an absentee ballot and must be opened  
 23 only on election day under IC 3-11.5."

24 SECTION 64. IC 3-11.5-4-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2005,  
 25 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. Subject to **IC 3-10-8-7.5, IC 3-12-1-17,**  
 27 **and** section 7 of this chapter, absentee ballots received by mail (or by  
 28 fax or electronic mail under IC 3-11-4-6) after noon on election day are  
 29 considered as arriving too late and may not be counted.

30 SECTION 65. IC 3-11.5-4-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.271-2013,  
 31 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 32 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c),  
 33 the vote of an absentee voter may be challenged at the polls for the  
 34 reason that the absentee voter is not a legal voter of the precinct where  
 35 the ballot is being cast.

36 (b) Before the inspector prepares to mark the poll list to indicate that  
 37 an absentee ballot cast by the voter has been received by the county  
 38 election board according to a certificate delivered to the polls under  
 39 section 1 or section 8 of this chapter, the inspector shall notify the  
 40 challengers and the pollbook holders that the inspector is about to mark  
 41 the poll list under this section. The inspector shall provide the  
 42 challengers and pollbook holders with the name and address of each



1 voter listed in the certificate so that the voter may be challenged under  
2 this article.

3 (c) This section applies to a county that:

4 (1) has adopted an order to use an electronic poll list under  
5 IC 3-7-29-6; or

6 (2) is a vote center county under IC 3-11-18.1.

7 The vote of an absentee ballot may be challenged for the reason that the  
8 absentee voter is not a legal voter of the precinct for which the absentee  
9 ballot was issued. Before the absentee ballot counters process an  
10 absentee ballot, the absentee ballot counters shall notify the county  
11 election board. A county election board member, or a representative  
12 designated by a county election board member, may ~~protest the~~  
13 ~~counting of an absentee ballot under IC 3-11.5-5-8 or IC 3-11.5-6-6.~~  
14 **challenge the absentee ballot under section 16 of this chapter.**

15 (d) The challenge under this section must be determined using the  
16 procedures for counting a provisional ballot under IC 3-11.7.

17 SECTION 66. IC 3-11.5-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) Absentee  
19 ballot counters shall conduct the activities conducted by precinct  
20 election officials **in submitting returns to the county election board**  
21 under IC 3-12-4.

22 (b) The returns of absentee ballot counters shall be treated the same  
23 as the returns of a precinct election board under IC 3-12-4.

24 SECTION 67. IC 3-11.7-5-2.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
25 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
26 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 2.7. (a) During the county**  
27 **election board's consideration of the validity of a provisional**  
28 **ballot, the individual who cast the ballot waives the confidentiality**  
29 **of personal information regarding the individual by personally**  
30 **appearing before the county election board and offering testimony.**

31 (b) **If the individual does not appear before the county election**  
32 **board during the board's determination of the validity of the**  
33 **provisional ballot, the board shall not publicly identify the**  
34 **individual who cast the ballot by name or any identifying number,**  
35 **but shall refer to the ballot in terms sufficient to preserve the**  
36 **record regarding the board's determination regarding the validity**  
37 **of the provisional ballot.**

38 SECTION 68. IC 3-11.7-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2011,  
39 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) As required by 42 U.S.C. 15482, a county  
41 election board shall establish a free access system such as a toll-free  
42 telephone number or an Internet web site that enables a provisional



- 1 voter to determine:
- 2 (1) whether the individual's provisional ballot was counted; and
- 3 (2) if the provisional ballot was not counted, the reason the
- 4 provisional ballot was not counted.
- 5 **(b) After December 31, 2014, the county election board shall**
- 6 **enter the following into the computerized list:**
- 7 **(1) The name of the individual.**
- 8 **(2) The address of the individual.**
- 9 **(3) Whether the individual's provisional ballot was counted.**
- 10 **(4) If the individual's provisional ballot was not counted, the**
- 11 **reason the provisional ballot was not counted.**
- 12 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** As required by 42 U.S.C. 15482, the county election board
- 13 shall establish and maintain reasonable procedures to protect the
- 14 security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information
- 15 collected, stored, or otherwise used on the free access system
- 16 established by the board under subsection (a).
- 17 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** As required by 42 U.S.C. 15482, the county election board
- 18 shall restrict access to the free access system established under
- 19 subsection (a) to the individual voter who cast the provisional ballot.
- 20 This subsection does not restrict access to election materials available
- 21 under IC 3-10-1-31.1.
- 22 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** The county election board shall prescribe written instructions
- 23 to inform a provisional voter how the provisional voter can determine
- 24 whether the provisional voter's ballot has been counted.
- 25 SECTION 69. IC 3-12-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. Subject to sections
- 27 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9.5, and 13 of this chapter, the primary factor to be
- 28 considered in determining a voter's choice on a ballot is the intent of
- 29 the voter. If the voter's intent can be determined on the ballot or on part
- 30 of the ballot, the vote shall be counted for the affected candidate or
- 31 candidates or on the public question. However, if it is impossible to
- 32 determine a voter's choice of candidates on a part of a ballot or vote on
- 33 a public question, then the voter's vote concerning those candidates or
- 34 public questions may not be counted.
- 35 SECTION 70. IC 3-12-1-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) This section
- 37 applies only to absentee ballots.
- 38 (b) The whole ballot may not be counted unless the ballot is
- 39 endorsed with the initials of:
- 40 (1) the two (2) members of the absentee voter board ~~in the office~~
- 41 ~~of the circuit court clerk~~ under IC 3-11-4-19, **or IC 3-11-10-25,**
- 42 **IC 3-11-10-26, IC 3-11-10-26.3, or IC 3-11-18.1-11;** or



- 1 (2) the two (2) appointed members of the county election board  
 2 (or their designated representatives) under IC 3-11-4-19.
- 3 SECTION 71. IC 3-12-1-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 4 SECTION 125, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 5 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) This section applies only  
 6 to an absentee ballot sent by mail.
- 7 (b) Notwithstanding IC 3-11-10-14 and IC 3-11.5-4-10, an absentee  
 8 ballot received from an overseas voter is not considered as arriving too  
 9 late if both of the following apply:
- 10 (1) The absentee ballot envelope is postmarked not later than the  
 11 date of the election.
- 12 (2) The absentee ballot is received not later than ~~the deadline for~~  
 13 ~~counting provisional ballots under IC 3-11.7-5-1.~~ **noon ten (10)**  
 14 **days following the election.**
- 15 (c) If the postmark on the absentee ballot envelope is unclear, the  
 16 county election board, by unanimous vote of the entire membership of  
 17 the board, determines the postmark date. If the board is unable to  
 18 determine the postmark date, the absentee ballot may not be counted.
- 19 SECTION 72. IC 3-12-3.5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 20 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 21 1, 2014]: **Sec. 8. After each electronic voting system is secured and**  
 22 **the paper vote total printouts are obtained, the inspector shall**  
 23 **announce the total number of votes cast on all electronic voting**  
 24 **systems located within the polling place, plus any absentee ballots**  
 25 **cast, to determine whether the total number of votes cast on the**  
 26 **electronic voting systems agrees with the total number of voters**  
 27 **shown as receiving a ballot at the polls or returning an absentee**  
 28 **ballot, according to the poll lists. If the total number of ballots**  
 29 **received at the polls and returned as absentee ballots does not**  
 30 **agree with the total number of voters shown on the poll lists, this**  
 31 **fact must be reported in writing to the appropriate election officer**  
 32 **together with the reasons for the discrepancy, if known.**
- 33 SECTION 73. IC 3-13-1-20.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 34 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 35 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 20.5. (a) This section applies**  
 36 **to a political party subject to IC 3-8-4-10, IC 3-10-2-15, or**  
 37 **IC 3-10-6-12.**
- 38 (b) **All questions concerning the validity of a certificate of**  
 39 **candidate selection filed under section 20 of this chapter with the**  
 40 **election division shall be determined by the commission. A**  
 41 **statement questioning the validity of a certificate of candidate**  
 42 **selection must be filed with the election division under**



1 **IC 3-8-1-2(c) not later than noon seventy-four (74) days before the**  
 2 **date on which the general election will be held for the office.**

3 **(c) All questions concerning the validity of a certificate of**  
 4 **candidate selection filed under section 20 of this chapter with a**  
 5 **circuit court clerk shall be referred to and determined by the**  
 6 **county election board. A statement questioning the validity of a**  
 7 **certificate of candidate selection must be filed with the county**  
 8 **election board under IC 3-8-1-2(c) not later than noon seventy-four**  
 9 **(74) days before the date on which the general or municipal**  
 10 **election will be held for the office.**

11 **(d) The commission or a county election board shall act upon a**  
 12 **question concerning the validity of a certificate of candidate**  
 13 **selection not later than noon sixty (60) days before the date on**  
 14 **which the general or municipal election will be held for the office.**

15 SECTION 74. IC 6-8.1-3-19 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 16 1, 2014]. Sec. 19: The department shall print and include a voter  
 17 registration form designed by the Indiana election commission under  
 18 IC 3-7-23 in each state adjusted gross income tax booklet that is mailed  
 19 to a taxpayer using a preprinted mailing label with an Indiana address.

20 SECTION 75. IC 9-24-2.5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2011,  
 21 SECTION 88, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 22 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) A manager or an employee may use any of  
 23 the following methods to transmit paper copies of voter registration  
 24 applications under section 4 of this chapter:

- 25 (1) Hand delivery to the county voter registration office.  
 26 (2) Delivery by the United States Postal Service, using first class  
 27 mail.  
 28 (b) A county voter registration office:  
 29 (1) shall process a voter registration application transmitted in  
 30 electronic format from a license branch; and  
 31 (2) is not required to receive the paper copy of a voter registration  
 32 application from a license branch before:  
 33 (A) approving or denying the application; and  
 34 (B) mailing a notice of approval or denial to the applicant.

35 **(c) After January 1, 2015, a county voter registration office shall**  
 36 **scan an image of the paper copy of the registration application**  
 37 **form into the computerized list established under IC 3-7-26.3.**

38 SECTION 76. IC 12-15-1.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.258-2013,  
 39 SECTION 89, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to a voter  
 41 registration application or declination to register accepted at a county  
 42 office during the final five (5) days before the end of a registration





- 1 period under IC 3-7-13.
- 2 (b) As required under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-5(d)(1), the county director  
3 or designated office employee shall transmit a completed voter  
4 registration application:
- 5 (1) to the ~~circuit court clerk or board of registration of the county~~  
6 **voter registration office** in which the individual's residential  
7 address (as indicated on the application) is located; and  
8 (2) not later than ~~ten (10)~~ **five (5)** days after the application is  
9 accepted at the office.
- 10 (c) The county director or designated employee shall transmit the  
11 voter registration application (or a separate declination form) on which  
12 the individual declined to register to vote by specifically declining to  
13 register or by failing to complete the voter registration portion of the  
14 application.
- 15 (d) The declination must be transmitted:
- 16 (1) to the ~~circuit court clerk or board of registration of the county~~  
17 **voter registration office** in which the individual's residential  
18 address (as indicated on the application) is located; and  
19 (2) not later than ~~ten (10)~~ **five (5)** days after the application is  
20 accepted at the office.
- 21 **SECTION 77. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 385, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Replace the effective date in SECTION 23 with "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 385 as introduced.)

ZAKAS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2.

