

2016 Indiana Election Calendar



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This brochure reflects Indiana law as of July 2015. Election law dates are subject to change by the 2016 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

This condensed version of the official 2016 election calendar is intended for the use of the general public. **Where your legal rights are involved, do not rely only on this calendar. Consult your attorney or research the law yourself.**

As used in this brochure "county election board" includes the office of the circuit court clerk, the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration, and the Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration, unless otherwise indicated.

As used in this brochure "county voter registration office" includes the office of the circuit court clerk and the county board of voter registration in a county where a separate voter registration board has been created.

"Noon" refers to noon, local prevailing time, unless otherwise specified.

"Midnight" refers to midnight, local prevailing time, unless otherwise specified.

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

First day a declaration of candidacy for major political party primary nomination (or election as a Republican Party precinct committeeman, or state convention delegate of either major party) at the primary) may be filed.

First day a major party primary candidate for President, US Senate, or Governor may file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

First day an independent or minor party candidate may file a petition of nomination for the general election for verification of petition signatures.

First day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the general election.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2015.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for a major political party candidate for President to file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for a major political party candidate for US Senate or Governor to file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

Friday, February 5, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, Indianapolis time, for major party candidate for President, US Senate or Governor to file a declaration of candidacy and petition for placement on the primary election ballot with the secretary of state following certification of petition signatures by county voter registration offices.

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a declaration of candidacy for major political party primary nomination (or election as a Republican Party precinct committeeman, or state convention delegate of either major party at the primary) may be filed.

Monday, February 8, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a withdrawal of candidacy for the primary election.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for regular party committees to file 2015 annual campaign finance reports.

Saturday, March 19, 2016

DEADLINE for the county election board to mail primary election absentee ballots to voters who have previously filed an application with circuit court clerk.

Monday, April 4, 2016

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

DEADLINE at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

Friday, April 8, 2016

End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, April 14, 2016

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Friday, April 15, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for filing pre-primary campaign finance reports for primary candidates.

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for in-person absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, April 25, 2016

DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of an absentee ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, May 2, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerks to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in person at the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

DEADLINE for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS

First day the circuit court clerk may receive absentee ballot applications from most voters for the general election.

Thursday, June 30, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to select a candidate to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot due to a vacancy resulting from no candidate being nominated at a primary.

DEADLINE, by noon, for an independent or minor party candidate to file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

Deadline, by noon, for the Libertarian Party to conduct a convention to nominate candidates or to take action to fill a ballot vacancy following a convention.

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to file a certificate of selection stating that a vacancy on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot has been filled.

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 (continued)

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the general election.

Deadline, by noon, for the Libertarian Party to certify candidates nominated at convention or to certify a candidate selected to fill a vacancy following convention.

Friday, July 15, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for any candidate to voluntarily withdraw from the general election ballot.

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic, Libertarian and Republican Parties to file a certificate of nomination of candidates nominated at the state party conventions

DEADLINE, by noon, for independent or minor party candidate to file consent of candidate and petition of nomination after verification of petition signatures (See related entry for June 30, 2016).

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

First day to file a petition and consent for a school board member elected at the general election.

Friday, August 26, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a petition and consent for a school board office elected at the general election.

Saturday, September 24, 2016

DEADLINE for county election board to mail absentee ballots to voters who have already filed an application with circuit court clerk.

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

DEADLINE at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

First day that a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office

Friday, October 14, 2016

End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, October 20, 2016

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Friday, October 21, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, to file pre-election campaign finance reports.

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Office of circuit court clerk must be open at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, October 31, 2016

DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of a ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date

Monday, November 7, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

DEADLINE for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified recount or contest petition.

Thursday, December 1, 2016

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS

Monday, December 31, 2016

End of annual reporting period for campaign finance reports.