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Citations Affected: IC 3-8; IC 3-10; IC 3-11; IC 3-12; IC 3-13.

Synopsis: Various election law matters. Provides that a candidate vacancy that exists due to the withdrawal of a candidate after noon July 15 and not later than noon August 1, is filled by a meeting of a committee consisting of the county chairmen of the political party of each county having territory in the election district. Removes a voter's option to vote for all candidates of a political party or an independent ticket at one time (straight ticket voting) in a general or municipal election, except for candidates for presidential electors. Provides that a vote center plan or an amendment to a vote center plan may be adopted by a majority vote of the entire membership of the county election board or board of elections and registration ("board"). (Under current law, a vote center plan, or an amendment of a vote center plan, may be adopted only by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board.) Provides that if a county adopts a vote center plan by a majority vote, but not by a unanimous vote, a vote center must be provided for each township that has 5,000 or more active voters, in addition to the number of vote centers required for the county if the vote center plan were adopted by a unanimous vote. Provides that a state party convention may nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate electors and elect delegates and alternate delegates to the political party's national convention. (Under current law, a political party's state convention is required to perform these functions.) Provides that if a state party convention does not perform either or both of these functions, the functions shall be done as provided in the state party's rules. Repeals superseded statutes relating to straight ticket voting.

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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 3-8-2-2.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
2 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2.7. (a) A candidate may withdraw a declaration
4 of intent to be a write-in candidate not later than noon ~~July 15~~ **August**
5 **1** before a general or municipal election.

6 (b) This subsection applies to a candidate who filed a declaration of
7 intent to be a write-in candidate with the election division. The election
8 division shall issue a corrected certification of write-in candidates
9 under IC 3-8-7-30 as soon as practicable after a declaration is
10 withdrawn under this section.

11 SECTION 2. IC 3-8-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) A political party shall conduct
13 a state convention to nominate the candidates of the political party for
14 the following offices to be voted on at the next general election:

15 (1) Lieutenant governor.

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- 1 (2) Secretary of state.
 2 (3) Auditor of state.
 3 (4) Treasurer of state.
 4 (5) Attorney general.
 5 (6) Superintendent of public instruction.
 6 (b) The convention ~~shall~~ **may** also:
 7 (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate
 8 electors; and
 9 (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national
 10 convention of the political party.
 11 **(c) If a political party's state convention does not:**
 12 **(1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate**
 13 **electors; or**
 14 **(2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national**
 15 **convention of the political party;**
 16 **the candidates shall be nominated or the delegates elected as**
 17 **provided in the state party's rules.**
 18 SECTION 3. IC 3-8-6-13.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
 19 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 13.5. A candidate may withdraw a petition of
 21 nomination by noon:
 22 (1) ~~July 15~~ **August 1** before a general or municipal election; or
 23 (2) seventy-one (71) days before a special election.
 24 SECTION 4. IC 3-8-7-28, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,
 25 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 28. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
 27 (c), if a nominee certified under this chapter, IC 3-8-5, IC 3-8-6, or
 28 IC 3-10-1 desires to withdraw as the nominee, the nominee must file a
 29 notice of withdrawal in writing with the public official with whom the
 30 certificate of nomination was filed by noon:
 31 (1) ~~July 15~~ **August 1** before a general or municipal election;
 32 (2) August 1 before a municipal election in a town subject to
 33 IC 3-8-5-10;
 34 (3) on the date specified for town convention nominees under
 35 IC 3-8-5-14.5;
 36 (4) on the date specified for declared write-in candidates under
 37 IC 3-8-2-2.7;
 38 (5) on the date specified for a school board candidate under
 39 IC 3-8-2.5-4; or
 40 (6) forty-five (45) days before a special election.
 41 (b) A candidate who is disqualified from being a candidate under
 42 IC 3-8-1-5 must file a notice of withdrawal immediately upon



1 becoming disqualified. The filing requirements of subsection (a) do not
2 apply to a notice of withdrawal filed under this subsection.

3 (c) A candidate who has moved from the election district the
4 candidate sought to represent must file a notice of withdrawal
5 immediately after changing the candidate's residence. The filing
6 requirements of subsection (a) do not apply to a notice of withdrawal
7 filed under this subsection.

8 SECTION 5. IC 3-10-7-32, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2011,
9 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 32. (a) A town election board shall determine
11 what voting method will be used in a municipal election.

12 (b) The town election board and its precinct election officers shall
13 perform the duties of the county election board and its precinct election
14 officers under IC 3-11 for each voting method used.

15 (c) The town election board shall prepare the ballots in the form
16 prescribed by IC 3-11 and distribute them to the precincts in the town.

17 (d) This subsection applies only to paper ballots. Notwithstanding
18 subsection (c), the town election board, by unanimous consent of the
19 board's entire membership, may authorize the printing or reproduction
20 of ballots on equipment under the control of the town clerk-treasurer.
21 If the town election board acts under this subsection, the ballots are not
22 required to conform to the precise dimensions concerning the size of
23 political party devices under IC 3-11-2-9 or the placement of a
24 candidate's name under ~~IC 3-11-2-10(f)~~. **IC 3-11-2-10(d)**. However,
25 the ballots must otherwise substantially conform with IC 3-11-2.

26 SECTION 6. IC 3-11-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
27 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) Public questions shall be placed on the
29 general election ballot in the following order after the statement
30 described in section 7 of this chapter, and the instructions described in
31 ~~subsections (d) and (e)~~ **subsection (c)** and section 8 of this chapter:

32 (1) Ratification of a state constitutional amendment.

33 (2) Local public questions.

34 Each public question shall be placed in a separate column on the ballot.

35 (b) The name or title of the political party or independent ticket
36 described in section 6 of this chapter shall be placed on the general
37 election ballot after the public questions described in subsection (a).
38 The device of the political party or independent ticket shall be placed
39 immediately under the name of the political party or independent ticket.
40 ~~The instructions for voting a straight party ticket shall be placed to the~~
41 ~~right of the device.~~

42 (c) ~~The instructions for voting a straight party ticket must conform~~



1 as nearly as possible to the following: "To vote a straight (insert
2 political party name) ticket for all (insert political party name)
3 candidates on this ballot, make a voting mark on or in this circle and do
4 not make any other marks on this ballot. If you wish to vote for a
5 candidate seeking a nonpartisan office or on a public question, you
6 must make another voting mark on the appropriate place on this
7 ballot."

8 (d) If the ballot contains an independent ticket described in section
9 6 of this chapter and at least one (1) other independent candidate, the
10 ballot must also contain a statement that reads substantially as follows:
11 "A vote cast for an independent ticket will only be counted for the
12 candidates for President and Vice President or governor and lieutenant
13 governor comprising that independent ticket. This vote will NOT be
14 counted for any OTHER independent candidate appearing on the
15 ballot."

16 (e) (c) The ballot must also contain a statement that reads
17 substantially as follows: "A write-in vote will NOT be counted unless
18 the vote is for a DECLARED write-in candidate. To vote for a write-in
19 candidate, you must make a voting mark on or in the square to the left
20 of the name you have written in or your vote will not be counted."

21 (f) (d) The list of candidates of the political party shall be placed
22 immediately under the instructions for voting a straight party ticket.
23 **device of the political party.** The names of the candidates shall be
24 placed three-fourths (3/4) of an inch apart from center to center of the
25 name. The name of each candidate must have, immediately on its left,
26 a square three-eighths (3/8) of an inch on each side.

27 (g) (e) The circuit court clerk may authorize the printing of ballots
28 containing a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper version of
29 a ballot is used within a precinct.

30 SECTION 7. IC 3-11-7-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
31 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) A ballot card voting system must permit a
33 voter to vote

34 (1) except at a primary election, a straight party ticket for all of
35 the candidates of one (1) political party by a single mark on each
36 ballot card;

37 (2) for one (1) or more candidates of each political party or
38 independent candidates, or for one (1) or more school board
39 candidates nominated by petition.

40 (3) a split ticket for the candidates of different political parties
41 and for independent candidates; or

42 (4) a straight party ticket and then split that ticket by casting



- 1 individual votes for candidates of another political party or
 2 independent candidate.
- 3 (b) A ballot card voting system must permit a voter to vote:
 4 (1) for all candidates for presidential electors of a political party
 5 or an independent ticket by making a single voting mark; and
 6 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote.
- 7 SECTION 8. IC 3-11-7-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 8 2015]. Sec. 6. A ballot card voting system must count a ballot in
 9 accordance with IC 3-12-1-7 when a voter votes a straight ticket vote
 10 and votes for individual candidates as described by IC 3-12-1-7.
- 11 SECTION 9. IC 3-11-7.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
 12 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) An electronic voting system must permit
 14 a voter to vote
- 15 (1) except at a primary election, a straight party ticket for all the
 16 candidates of one (1) political party by touching the device of that
 17 party;
 18 (2) for one (1) or more candidates of each political party or
 19 independent candidates, or for one (1) or more school board
 20 candidates nominated by petition.
 21 (3) a split ticket for the candidates of different political parties
 22 and for independent candidates; or
 23 (4) a straight party ticket and then split that ticket by casting
 24 individual votes for candidates of another political party or
 25 independent candidates.
- 26 (b) An electronic voting system must permit a voter to vote:
 27 (1) for as many candidates for an office as the voter may vote for,
 28 but no more;
 29 (2) for or against a public question on which the voter may vote,
 30 but no other; and
 31 (3) for all the candidates for presidential electors of a political
 32 party or an independent ticket by making a single voting mark.
- 33 SECTION 10. IC 3-11-11-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 34 1, 2015]. Sec. 10: If an election is a general or municipal election and
 35 a voter desires to vote for all the candidates of one (1) political party or
 36 group of petitioners, the voter may make a voting mark on or in a large
 37 circle enclosing the device and before the name under which the
 38 candidates of the party or group of petitioners are printed. The voter's
 39 vote shall then be counted for all the candidates under that party name
 40 or for the two (2) candidates comprising an independent ticket.
- 41 SECTION 11. IC 3-11-13-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2013,
 42 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2015]; Sec. 11. (a) The ballot information, whether placed on
 2 the ballot card or on the marking device, must be in the order of
 3 arrangement provided for ballots under this section.

4 (b) Each county election board shall have the names of all
 5 candidates for all elected offices, political party offices, and public
 6 questions printed on a ballot card as provided in this chapter. The
 7 county may:

8 (1) print all offices and questions on a single ballot card; and

9 (2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper
 10 version of a ballot is used within a precinct.

11 (c) Each type of ballot card must be of uniform size and of the same
 12 quality and color of paper (except as permitted under IC 3-10-1-17).

13 (d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate
 14 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by
 15 petitioners shall be listed on the ballot with the name and device set
 16 forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the device
 17 may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the device.
 18 IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not include a
 19 name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2) or more
 20 parties or petitioners.

21 (e) The offices and public questions on the general election ballot
 22 must be placed on the ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
 23 IC 3-11-2-12.2, IC 3-11-2-12.5, IC 3-11-2-12.7(b), IC 3-11-2-12.9(a),
 24 IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c), IC 3-11-2-14(a), and
 25 IC 3-11-2-14(d). The offices and public questions may be listed in a
 26 continuous column either vertically or horizontally and on a number of
 27 separate pages.

28 (f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in bold
 29 type. A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 30 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 31 first candidate:

32 (1) "Vote for one (1) only.", if only one (1) candidate is to be
 33 elected to the office.

34 (2) "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be
 35 elected) candidate(s) for this office.", if more than one (1)
 36 candidate is to be elected to the office.

37 (g) Below the name of the office and the statement required by
 38 subsection (f), the names of the candidates for each office must be
 39 grouped together in the following order:

40 (1) The major political party whose candidate received the highest
 41 number of votes in the county for secretary of state at the last
 42 election is listed first.



- 1 (2) The major political party whose candidate received the second
 2 highest number of votes in the county for secretary of state is
 3 listed second.
- 4 (3) All other political parties listed in the order that the parties'
 5 candidates for secretary of state finished in the last election are
 6 listed after the party listed in subdivision (2).
- 7 (4) If a political party did not have a candidate for secretary of
 8 state in the last election or a nominee is an independent candidate
 9 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the party or
 10 candidate is listed after the parties described in subdivisions (1),
 11 (2), and (3).
- 12 (5) If more than one (1) political party or independent candidate
 13 or ticket described in subdivision (4) qualifies to be on the ballot,
 14 the parties, candidates, or tickets are listed in the order in which
 15 the party filed its petition of nomination under IC 3-8-6-12.
- 16 (6) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates listed
 17 in subdivisions (1) through (5), if required by law.
- 18 (7) The name of a write-in candidate may not be listed on the
 19 ballot.
- 20 (h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established by
 21 subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters and
 22 have a uniform space between each name. The name of the candidate's
 23 political party, or the word "Independent" if the:
 24 (1) candidate; or
 25 (2) ticket of candidates for:
 26 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or
 27 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;
 28 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
 29 of the candidate and must be printed in a uniform size and type.
- 30 (i) All the candidates of the same political party for election to
 31 at-large seats on the fiscal or legislative body of a political subdivision
 32 must be grouped together:
 33 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 34 (2) in the order established by subsection (g); and
 35 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to
 36 surname.
- 37 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 38 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 39 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 40 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) of ANY party for this office."
- 41 (j) Candidates for election to at-large seats on the governing body
 42 of a school corporation must be grouped:



- 1 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 2 and
 3 (2) in alphabetical order according to surname.
- 4 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 5 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 6 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 7 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office."
- 8 (k) The following information must be placed at the top of the ballot
 9 before the first public question is listed:
- 10 (1) The cautionary statement described in IC 3-11-2-7.
 11 (2) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8 ~~IC 3-11-2-10(d);~~
 12 ~~and IC 3-11-2-10(e);~~ **IC 3-11-2-10(c).**
- 13 (l) The ballot must include: ~~a single connectable arrow, circle, oval,~~
 14 ~~or square; or a voting position for voting a straight party or an~~
 15 ~~independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) by one (1) mark as~~
 16 ~~required by section 14 of this chapter; and the single connectable~~
 17 ~~arrow, circle, oval, or square; or the voting position for casting a~~
 18 ~~straight party or an independent ticket ballot must be identified by:~~
 19 (1) the name of the political party or independent ticket
 20 (described in IC 3-11-2-6); and
 21 (2) immediately below or beside the political party's or
 22 independent ticket's name, the device of that party or ticket
 23 (described in IC 3-11-2-5).
- 24 The name and device of each political party or independent ticket must
 25 be of uniform size and type and arranged in the order established by
 26 subsection (g) for listing candidates under each office. ~~The instructions~~
 27 ~~described in IC 3-11-2-10(e) for voting a straight party ticket and~~ The
 28 statement concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3
 29 may be placed on the ballot beside or above the names and devices
 30 within the voting booth in a location that permits the voter to easily
 31 read the instructions.
- 32 (m) A public question must be in the form described in
 33 IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a single connectable
 34 arrow, a circle, or an oval may be used instead of a square. Except as
 35 expressly authorized or required by statute, a county election board
 36 may not print a ballot card that contains language concerning the public
 37 question other than the language authorized by a statute.
- 38 (n) The requirements in this section:
 39 (1) do not replace; and
 40 (2) are in addition to;
 41 any other requirements in this title that apply to optical scan ballots.
- 42 (o) The procedure described in IC 3-11-2-16 must be used when a



1 ballot does not comply with the requirements imposed by this title or
 2 contains another error or omission that might result in confusion or
 3 mistakes by voters.

4 (p) This subsection applies to an optical scan ballot that does not
 5 list:

- 6 (1) the names of ~~political parties~~ or candidates; or
- 7 (2) the text of public questions;

8 on the face of the ballot. The ballot must be prepared in accordance
 9 with this section, except that the ballot must include a numbered circle
 10 or oval to refer to each ~~political party~~; candidate or public question.

11 SECTION 12. IC 3-11-13-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2015]. ~~Sec. 14. In partisan elections, the ballot labels must include~~
 13 ~~a voting square or position where a voter may by one (1) mark on each~~
 14 ~~card record a straight party or an independent ticket vote for all the~~
 15 ~~candidates of one (1) political party or the independent ticket, except~~
 16 ~~for offices for which the voter has voted individually for a candidate.~~
 17 ~~If the voter records a vote for the two (2) candidates comprising an~~
 18 ~~independent ticket, the vote must not count for any other independent~~
 19 ~~candidate on the ballot.~~

20 SECTION 13. IC 3-11-13-31.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2014,
 21 SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 31.7. (a) This section is enacted to comply with
 23 42 U.S.C. 15481 by establishing uniform and nondiscriminatory
 24 standards to define what constitutes a vote on an optical scan voting
 25 system.

26 (b) After receiving ballot cards, a voter shall, without leaving the
 27 room, go alone into one (1) of the booths or compartments that is
 28 unoccupied and indicate:

- 29 (1) the candidates for whom the voter desires to vote by marking
 30 the connectable arrows, circles, ovals, or squares immediately
 31 beside:

- 32 (A) the candidates' names; or
- 33 (B) the numbers referring to the candidates; and

- 34 (2) the voter's preference on each public question by marking the
 35 connectable arrow, oval, or square beside:

- 36 (A) the word "yes" or "no" under the question; or
- 37 (B) the number referring to the word "yes" or "no" on the
 38 ballot.

39 (c) If an election is a general or municipal election and a voter
 40 desires to vote for all the candidates of one (1) political party or
 41 independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the voter may mark:

- 42 (1) the circle enclosing the device; or



- 1 (2) the connectable arrow, circle, oval, or square described in
 2 section 11 of this chapter;
 3 that designates the candidates of that political party or independent
 4 ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6). The voter's vote shall then be counted
 5 for all the candidates of that political party or included in the
 6 independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6). However, if the voter
 7 marks the circle, arrow, oval, or square of an independent ticket
 8 (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the vote shall not be counted for any other
 9 independent candidate on the ballot.
- 10 ~~(d)~~ (c) This subsection applies to a voter casting a ballot on a voting
 11 system that includes features of both an optical scan ballot card voting
 12 system and a direct record electronic voting system. After entering into
 13 a booth used with the voting system, the voter shall indicate the
 14 candidates for whom the voter desires to vote and the voter's preference
 15 on each public question by:
- 16 (1) inserting a paper ballot or an optical scan ballot into the voting
 17 system; or
 18 (2) using headphones to listen to a recorded list of ~~political~~
 19 parties, candidates and public questions.
- 20 ~~(e)~~ (d) A voter using a voting system described in subsection ~~(d)~~ (c)
 21 may indicate the voter's selections by:
- 22 (1) touching a device on or in the squares immediately adjacent
 23 to the name of a ~~political party~~, candidate or response to a public
 24 question; or
 25 (2) indicating the voter's choices by using a sip puff device that
 26 enables the voter to indicate a choice by inhaling or exhaling.
- 27 SECTION 14. IC 3-11-14-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2014,
 28 SECTION 43, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Each county election board shall have the
 30 names of all candidates for all elected offices, political party offices,
 31 and public questions printed on ballot labels for use in an electronic
 32 voting system as provided in this chapter.
- 33 (b) The county may:
- 34 (1) print all offices and public questions on a single ballot label;
 35 and
 36 (2) include a ballot variation code to ensure that the proper
 37 version of a ballot label is used within a precinct.
- 38 (c) Each type of ballot label must be of uniform size and of the same
 39 quality and color of paper (except as permitted under IC 3-10-1-17).
- 40 (d) The nominees of a political party or an independent candidate
 41 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6) nominated by
 42 petitioners must be listed on the ballot label with the name and device



1 set forth on the certification or petition. The circle containing the
 2 device may be of any size that permits a voter to readily identify the
 3 device. IC 3-11-2-5 applies if the certification or petition does not
 4 include a name or device, or if the same device is selected by two (2)
 5 or more parties or petitioners.

6 (e) The ballot labels must list the offices and public questions on the
 7 general election ballot in the order listed in IC 3-11-2-12,
 8 IC 3-11-2-12.2, IC 3-11-2-12.5, IC 3-11-2-12.7(b), IC 3-11-2-12.9(a),
 9 IC 3-11-2-13(a) through IC 3-11-2-13(c), IC 3-11-2-14(a), and
 10 IC 3-11-2-14(d). Each office and public question may have a separate
 11 screen, or the offices and public questions may be listed in a
 12 continuous column either vertically or horizontally.

13 (f) The name of each office must be printed in a uniform size in bold
 14 type. A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 15 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 16 first candidate:

17 (1) "Vote for one (1) only.", if only one (1) candidate is to be
 18 elected to the office.

19 (2) "Vote for not more than (insert the number of candidates to be
 20 elected) candidate(s) for this office.", if more than one (1)
 21 candidate is to be elected to the office.

22 (g) Below the name of the office and the statement required by
 23 subsection (f), the names of the candidates for each office must be
 24 grouped together in the following order:

25 (1) The major political party whose candidate received the highest
 26 number of votes in the county for secretary of state at the last
 27 election is listed first.

28 (2) The major political party whose candidate received the second
 29 highest number of votes in the county for secretary of state is
 30 listed second.

31 (3) All other political parties listed in the order that the parties'
 32 candidates for secretary of state finished in the last election are
 33 listed after the party listed in subdivision (2).

34 (4) If a political party did not have a candidate for secretary of
 35 state in the last election or a nominee is an independent candidate
 36 or independent ticket (described in IC 3-11-2-6), the party or
 37 candidate is listed after the parties described in subdivisions (1),
 38 (2), and (3).

39 (5) If more than one (1) political party or independent candidate
 40 or ticket described in subdivision (4) qualifies to be on the ballot,
 41 the parties, candidates, or tickets are listed in the order in which
 42 the party filed its petition of nomination under IC 3-8-6-12.



1 (6) A space for write-in voting is placed after the candidates listed
 2 in subdivisions (1) through (5), if required by law. A space for
 3 write-in voting for an office is not required if there are no
 4 declared write-in candidates for that office. However, procedures
 5 must be implemented to permit write-in voting for candidates for
 6 federal offices.

7 (7) The name of a write-in candidate may not be listed on the
 8 ballot.

9 (h) The names of the candidates grouped in the order established by
 10 subsection (g) must be printed in type with uniform capital letters and
 11 have a uniform space between each name. The name of the candidate's
 12 political party, or the word "Independent", if the:

13 (1) candidate; or

14 (2) ticket of candidates for:

15 (A) President and Vice President of the United States; or

16 (B) governor and lieutenant governor;

17 is independent, must be placed immediately below or beside the name
 18 of the candidate and must be printed in uniform size and type.

19 (i) All the candidates of the same political party for election to
 20 at-large seats on the fiscal or legislative body of a political subdivision
 21 must be grouped together:

22 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;

23 (2) in the party order established by subsection (g); and

24 (3) within the political party, in alphabetical order according to
 25 surname.

26 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 27 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 28 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 29 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) of ANY party for this office."

30 (j) Candidates for election to at-large seats on the governing body
 31 of a school corporation must be grouped:

32 (1) under the name of the office that the candidates are seeking;
 33 and

34 (2) in alphabetical order according to surname.

35 A statement reading substantially as follows must be placed
 36 immediately below the name of the office and above the name of the
 37 first candidate: "Vote for not more than (insert the number of
 38 candidates to be elected) candidate(s) for this office."

39 (k) The cautionary statement described in IC 3-11-2-7 must be
 40 placed at the top or beginning of the ballot label before the first public
 41 question is listed.

42 (l) The instructions described in IC 3-11-2-8, ~~IC 3-11-2-10(d)~~, and



- 1 ~~IC 3-11-2-10(c)~~ **IC 3-11-2-10(c)** may be:
- 2 (1) placed on the ballot label; or
- 3 (2) posted in a location within the voting booth that permits the
- 4 voter to easily read the instructions.
- 5 (m) The ballot label must include: a touch sensitive point or button
- 6 for voting a straight political party or independent ticket (described in
- 7 ~~IC 3-11-2-6~~) by one (1) touch; and the touch sensitive point or button
- 8 must be identified by:
- 9 (1) the name of the political party or independent ticket; and
- 10 (2) immediately below or beside the political party's or
- 11 independent ticket's name, the device of that party or ticket
- 12 (described in IC 3-11-2-5).
- 13 The name and device of each party or ticket must be of uniform size
- 14 and type, and arranged in the order established by subsection (g) for
- 15 listing candidates under each office. ~~The instructions described in~~
- 16 ~~IC 3-11-2-10(c) for voting a straight party ticket and~~ The statement
- 17 concerning presidential electors required under IC 3-10-4-3 may be
- 18 placed on the ballot label or in a location within the voting booth that
- 19 permits the voter to easily read the instructions.
- 20 (n) A public question must be in the form described in
- 21 IC 3-11-2-15(a) and IC 3-11-2-15(b), except that a touch sensitive
- 22 point or button must be used instead of a square. Except as expressly
- 23 authorized or required by statute, a county election board may not print
- 24 a ballot label that contains language concerning the public question
- 25 other than the language authorized by a statute.
- 26 (o) The requirements in this section:
- 27 (1) do not replace; and
- 28 (2) are in addition to;
- 29 any other requirements in this title that apply to ballots for electronic
- 30 voting systems.
- 31 (p) The procedure described in IC 3-11-2-16 must be used when a
- 32 ballot label does not comply with the requirements imposed by this title
- 33 or contains another error or omission that might result in confusion or
- 34 mistakes by voters.
- 35 SECTION 15. IC 3-11-14-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,
- 36 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 23. (a) This section is enacted to
- 38 comply with 42 U.S.C. 15481 by establishing uniform and
- 39 nondiscriminatory standards to define what constitutes a vote on an
- 40 electronic voting system.
- 41 (b) If a voter is not challenged by a member of the precinct election
- 42 board, the voter may pass the railing to the side where an electronic



1 voting system is and into the voting booth. There the voter shall
2 register the voter's vote in secret by indicating:

3 (1) the candidates for whom the voter desires to vote by touching
4 a device on or in the squares immediately above the candidates'
5 names;

6 (2) if the voter intends to cast a write-in vote, a write-in vote by
7 touching a device on or in the square immediately below the
8 candidates' names and printing the name of the candidate in the
9 window provided for write-in voting; and

10 (3) the voter's preference on each public question by touching a
11 device above the word "yes" or "no" under the question.

12 ~~(e) If an election is a general or municipal election and a voter
13 desires to vote for all the candidates of one (1) political party or group
14 of petitioners, the voter may cast a straight party ticket by touching that
15 party's device. The voter's vote shall then be counted for all the
16 candidates under that name. However, if the voter casts a vote by
17 touching the circle of an independent ticket comprised of two (2)
18 candidates, the vote shall not be counted for any other independent
19 candidate on the ballot.~~

20 ~~(d)~~ (c) As provided by 42 U.S.C. 15481, a voter casting a ballot on
21 an electronic voting system must be:

22 (1) permitted to verify in a private and independent manner the
23 votes selected by the voter before the ballot is cast and counted;

24 (2) provided the opportunity to change the ballot or correct any
25 error in a private and independent manner before the ballot is cast
26 and counted, including the opportunity to receive a replacement
27 ballot if the voter is otherwise unable to change or correct the
28 ballot; and

29 (3) notified before the ballot is cast regarding the effect of casting
30 multiple votes for the office and provided an opportunity to
31 correct the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted.

32 SECTION 16. IC 3-11-18.1-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2011,
33 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) A county must comply with this section to
35 become a vote center county.

36 (b) As used in this section, "board" refers to any of the following:

37 (1) The county election board.

38 (2) The board of elections and registration established under
39 IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.

40 (c) The board shall hold a public hearing to present a draft plan for
41 administration of vote centers in the county.

42 (d) After presentation of the draft plan under subsection (c), the



- 1 board shall accept written public comments on the draft plan.
- 2 (e) At least thirty (30) days after the hearing held under subsection
- 3 (c), the board shall hold a public hearing to consider the following:
- 4 (1) The draft plan.
- 5 (2) The written public comments.
- 6 (3) Any other public comment that the board may permit on the
- 7 draft plan.
- 8 (f) After consideration of the draft plan and the public comments,
- 9 the board may do the following:
- 10 (1) Adopt an order approving the draft plan.
- 11 (2) Amend the draft plan and adopt an order approving the
- 12 amended draft plan.
- 13 The board may adopt the order to approve a plan only by ~~unanimous~~ a
- 14 **majority** vote of the entire membership of the board.
- 15 (g) ~~All~~ **Those** members of the board **who vote to adopt the plan**
- 16 must sign the order adopting the plan.
- 17 (h) The order and the adopted plan must be filed with the election
- 18 division and must include a copy of:
- 19 (1) a resolution adopted by the county executive; and
- 20 (2) a resolution adopted by the county fiscal body;
- 21 approving the designation of the county as a vote center county.
- 22 SECTION 17. IC 3-11-18.1-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2011,
- 23 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 24 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) When the total number of active voters in
- 25 the county equals at least twenty-five thousand (25,000), the following
- 26 apply:
- 27 (1) The plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center for each
- 28 ten thousand (10,000) active voters.
- 29 (2) In addition to the vote centers designated in subdivision (1),
- 30 the plan must provide for a vote center for any fraction of ten
- 31 thousand (10,000) voters.
- 32 (b) **This subsection applies if a vote center plan, or an**
- 33 **amendment to a vote center plan, is not adopted by a unanimous**
- 34 **vote of the entire membership of the board. In addition to the**
- 35 **number of vote centers required by subsection (a), the plan must**
- 36 **provide that at least one (1) vote center must be located in each**
- 37 **township in the county that has five thousand (5,000) or more**
- 38 **active voters.**
- 39 SECTION 18. IC 3-11-18.1-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.225-2011,
- 40 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 41 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 15. (a) A county may amend a plan adopted with
- 42 a county election board's order under section 3 of this chapter.



- 1 (b) For a county to amend its plan **the following apply:**
- 2 (1) The county election board (or board of elections and
- 3 registration established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4), by
- 4 ~~unanimous a majority~~ vote of the entire membership of the
- 5 board, must approve the plan amendment.
- 6 (2) ~~all~~ **Those** members of the board **who vote to adopt the**
- 7 **amendment** must sign the amendment. ~~and~~
- 8 (3) The amendment must be filed with the election division.
- 9 (c) A plan amendment takes effect immediately upon filing with the
- 10 election division, unless otherwise specified by the county election
- 11 board.

12 SECTION 19. IC 3-12-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.64-2014,
 13 SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. Subject to sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9.5, and 13 of
 15 this chapter, the primary factor to be considered in determining a
 16 voter's choice on a ballot is the intent of the voter. If the voter's intent
 17 can be determined on the ballot or on part of the ballot, the vote shall
 18 be counted for the affected candidate or candidates or on the public
 19 question. However, if it is impossible to determine a voter's choice of
 20 candidates on a part of a ballot or vote on a public question, then the
 21 voter's vote concerning those candidates or public questions may not
 22 be counted.

23 SECTION 20. IC 3-12-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,
 24 SECTION 124, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) ~~This subsection applies~~
 26 ~~whenever a voter:~~

- 27 (1) ~~votes a straight party ticket; and~~
- 28 (2) ~~votes only for one (1) or more individual candidates who are~~
- 29 ~~all of the same political party as the straight ticket vote.~~

30 ~~The straight ticket vote shall be counted and the individual candidate~~
 31 ~~votes may not be counted.~~

- 32 (b) ~~This subsection applies whenever:~~
- 33 (1) ~~a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of~~
- 34 ~~one (1) political party;~~
- 35 (2) ~~only one (1) person may be elected to an office; and~~
- 36 (3) ~~the voter has voted for one (1) individual candidate for the~~
- 37 ~~office described in subdivision (2) who is:~~
- 38 (A) ~~a candidate of a political party other than the party for~~
- 39 ~~which the voter voted a straight ticket; or~~
- 40 (B) ~~an independent candidate for the office.~~

41 ~~If the voter has voted for one (1) individual candidate for the office~~
 42 ~~described in subdivision (2); the individual candidate vote for that~~



1 office shall be counted; the straight party ticket vote for that office may
 2 not be counted; and the straight party ticket votes for other offices on
 3 the ballot shall be counted.

4 (c) This subsection applies whenever:

5 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 6 one (1) political party; and

7 (2) the voter has voted for more individual candidates for the
 8 office than the number of persons to be elected to that office.

9 The individual candidate votes for that office may not be counted; the
 10 straight party ticket vote for that office may not be counted; and the
 11 straight party ticket votes for other offices on the ballot shall be
 12 counted.

13 (d) This subsection applies whenever:

14 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 15 one (1) political party;

16 (2) more than one (1) person may be elected to an office; and

17 (3) the voter has voted for individual candidates for the office
 18 described in subdivision (2) who are:

19 (A) independent candidates;

20 (B) candidates of a political party other than the political party
 21 for which the voter cast a straight party ticket under
 22 subdivision (1); or

23 (C) a combination of candidates described in clauses (A) and
 24 (B).

25 The individual votes cast by the voter for the office for the independent
 26 candidates and the candidates of a political party other than the
 27 political party for which the voter cast a straight party ticket shall be
 28 counted. The straight party ticket vote cast by that voter for that office
 29 shall be counted unless the total number of votes cast for the office by
 30 the voter, when adding the voter's votes for the individual candidates
 31 for the office and the voter's straight party ticket votes for the office, is
 32 greater than the number of persons to be elected to the office. If the
 33 total number of votes cast for the office is greater than the number of
 34 persons to be elected to the office, the straight party ticket votes for the
 35 office may not be counted. The straight party ticket votes for other
 36 offices on the voter's ballot shall be counted.

37 (e) This subsection applies whenever:

38 (1) a voter has voted a straight party ticket for the candidates of
 39 one (1) political party;

40 (2) more than one (1) person may be elected to an office; and

41 (3) the voter has voted for individual candidates for the office
 42 described in subdivision (2) who are:



1 (A) independent candidates or candidates of a political party
 2 other than the political party for which the voter cast a straight
 3 party ticket under subdivision (1); and

4 (B) candidates of the same political party for which the voter
 5 cast a straight party ticket under subdivision (1).

6 The individual votes cast by the voter for the office for the independent
 7 candidates and the candidates of a political party other than the
 8 political party for which the voter cast a straight party ticket shall be
 9 counted. The individual votes cast by the voter for the office for the
 10 candidates of the same political party for which the voter cast a straight
 11 party ticket may not be counted. The straight party ticket vote cast by
 12 that voter for that office shall be counted unless the total number of
 13 votes cast for the office by the voter, when adding the voter's votes for
 14 the individual candidates for the office and the voter's straight party
 15 ticket vote for the office is greater than the number of persons to be
 16 elected to the office. If the total number of votes cast for the office is
 17 greater than the number of persons to be elected to the office, the
 18 straight party ticket votes for that office may not be counted. The
 19 straight party ticket votes for other offices on the voter's ballot shall be
 20 counted.

21 (f) If a voter votes a straight party ticket for more than one (1)
 22 political party, the whole ballot is void with regard to all candidates
 23 nominated by a political party or designated as independent candidates
 24 on the ballot. However, the voter's vote for a school board candidate or
 25 on a public question shall be counted if otherwise valid under this
 26 chapter.

27 (g) (a) If a voter does not vote a straight party ticket and the number
 28 of votes cast by that a voter for the candidates for an office are is less
 29 than or equal to the number of openings for that office, the individual
 30 candidates' votes shall be counted.

31 (h) (b) If a voter does not vote a straight party ticket and the number
 32 of votes cast by that a voter for an office exceeds the number of
 33 openings for that office, none of the votes concerning that office may
 34 be counted.

35 SECTION 21. IC 3-12-1-7.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7.5. (a) If a voter votes
 37 a straight party ticket for at least one (1) office for which only one (1)
 38 person may be elected and writes in the name of a candidate, the
 39 straight party ticket vote shall be counted for all offices except the
 40 offices for which a write-in vote was cast. The write-in vote shall be
 41 counted if the voter's intent can be determined.

42 (b) If a voter votes a straight party ticket for an office for which at



1 least two (2) people may be elected and writes in the name of a
 2 candidate; the straight party vote for that office may not be counted
 3 unless:

4 (1) fewer candidates appear on the party's ticket than may be
 5 elected; and

6 (2) the voter has not written in a number of names that, when
 7 added to the straight party candidate's name, would be greater
 8 than the number of seats available for that office.

9 (c) (a) If a voter votes for one (1) individual candidate for an office
 10 for which only one (1) person may be elected and also writes in the
 11 name of another candidate for the same office, neither vote may be
 12 counted.

13 (d) (b) If a voter votes for at least one (1) individual candidate for
 14 an office for which at least two (2) people may be elected and also
 15 writes in the name of at least one (1) candidate, the vote for that office
 16 may not be counted unless the number of individual votes cast for the
 17 office, when added to the number of write-in votes cast for that office,
 18 is less than or equal to the number of seats available for that office.

19 (e) If a voter votes an individual or a straight party vote for a
 20 candidate for an office and also writes in the name of the same
 21 candidate for the same office, only one (1) vote for that candidate may
 22 be counted.

23 SECTION 22. IC 3-12-1-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 24 2015]. Sec. 8: A voting mark made by a voter on or in a circle
 25 containing a political party device shall be counted as a vote for each
 26 candidate of that political party on that ballot.

27 SECTION 23. IC 3-12-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 14. (a) This section
 29 does not apply to a vote

30 (1) cast for President or Vice President of the United States under
 31 IC 3-10-4-6. or

32 (2) described by section 15 of this chapter.

33 (b) A vote cast for a candidate who ceases to be a candidate may not
 34 be counted as a vote for a successor candidate selected under IC 3-13-1
 35 or IC 3-13-2.

36 SECTION 24. IC 3-12-1-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 37 2015]. Sec. 15: (a) This section applies to a vote cast for one (1)
 38 straight party ticket that includes a candidate for election to office who:

39 (1) ceases to be a candidate; and

40 (2) is succeeded by a candidate selected under IC 3-13-1 or
 41 IC 3-13-2.

42 (b) A vote cast in the election for the original nominee is considered



1 a vote cast for the successor:

2 SECTION 25. IC 3-13-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
3 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. **(a)** Except as provided in IC 3-10-8-7.5 **and**
5 **subsection (b)**, a candidate vacancy for United States Representative
6 shall be filled by a caucus comprised by the precinct committeemen of
7 the political party whose precincts are within the congressional district.

8 **(b) A candidate vacancy that exists due to the withdrawal of a**
9 **candidate after noon July 15 shall be filled as provided in section**
10 **7.5 of this chapter.**

11 SECTION 26. IC 3-13-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. **(a) Except as**
13 **provided in subsection (b)**, a candidate vacancy for a legislative office
14 shall be filled by a caucus comprised by the precinct committeemen of
15 the political party whose precincts are within the senate or house
16 district.

17 **(b) A candidate vacancy that exists due to the withdrawal of a**
18 **candidate after noon July 15 shall be filled as provided in section**
19 **7.5 of this chapter.**

20 SECTION 27. IC 3-13-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) Except as
22 provided in ~~subsection (b)~~, **subsections (b) and (c)**, a candidate
23 vacancy for a local office shall be filled by:

24 (1) a caucus comprised of the precinct committeemen who are
25 eligible to participate under section 10 of this chapter; or

26 (2) the county chairman of the political party or a caucus
27 comprised of the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and
28 treasurer of the county committee of the party, if:

29 (A) authorized to fill vacancies under this chapter by majority
30 vote of the county committee; and

31 (B) the election district for the local office is entirely within
32 one (1) county.

33 (b) A candidate vacancy for the office of circuit court judge or
34 prosecuting attorney in a circuit having more than one (1) county shall
35 be filled by a caucus comprised of the precinct committeemen who
36 constitute the county committees of the political party for all of the
37 circuit.

38 **(c) A candidate vacancy that exists due to the withdrawal of a**
39 **candidate after noon July 15 shall be filled as provided in section**
40 **7.5 of this chapter.**

41 SECTION 28. IC 3-13-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as



1 provided in subsection (b), action to fill a candidate vacancy must be
2 taken:

- 3 (1) not later than noon June 30 after the primary election if the
4 vacancy exists on a general or municipal election ballot; and
5 (2) within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the vacancy, if
6 the vacancy exists on a special election ballot, subject to section
7 2 of this chapter.

8 (b) This subsection applies to a candidate vacancy that exists before
9 the thirtieth day before a general, municipal, or special election and
10 that is due to any of the following:

- 11 (1) The death of a candidate.
12 (2) The withdrawal of a candidate **not later than noon July 15**.
13 (3) The disqualification of a candidate under IC 3-8-1-5.
14 (4) A court order issued under IC 3-8-7-29(d).

15 Action to fill a candidate vacancy under section 3, 4, 5, or 6 of this
16 chapter for reasons permitted under this subsection must be taken
17 within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

18 SECTION 29. IC 3-13-1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
19 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
20 1, 2015]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) This section applies only to the filling of a
21 candidate vacancy:**

- 22 (1) **due to the withdrawal of a candidate; and**
23 (2) **that occurs after noon July 15 and not later than noon**
24 **August 1.**

25 (b) **This subsection does not apply to a candidate vacancy that**
26 **occurs due to the withdrawal of a candidate who moves from the**
27 **election district. A candidate vacancy that occurs due to the**
28 **withdrawal of a candidate after noon August 1 may not be filled.**
29 **The name of a candidate who withdraws after noon August 1 may**
30 **not be removed from the ballot.**

31 (c) **The other provisions of this chapter apply to filling a**
32 **candidate vacancy under this section except if in conflict with this**
33 **section. In case of a conflict, the provisions of this section apply.**

34 (d) **A candidate vacancy for an office shall be filled by a**
35 **majority vote of a committee consisting of the county chairman of**
36 **the political party of each of the counties that have territory in the**
37 **election district.**

38 (e) **Notice of a meeting held under this section must be given in**
39 **accordance with the rules of the political party having the**
40 **candidate vacancy.**

41 (f) **Procedures of a meeting held under this section must**
42 **conform to the rules of the political party having the candidate**



1 **vacancy.**
2 **(g) A vacancy filled under this chapter must be filled not later**
3 **than noon August 15.**
4 **(h) The certificate of candidate selection required by section 15**
5 **of this chapter shall be filed not later than noon three (3) days**
6 **(excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after selection of the candidate.**
7 SECTION 30. IC 3-13-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2011,
8 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8. A meeting under section 7 **or 7.5** of this chapter
10 shall be called and chaired by:
11 (1) the state chairman, or a person designated by the state
12 chairman, for a caucus or committee acting under section 3, 4, 5,
13 or 6(b) of this chapter; or
14 (2) the county chairman of the county in which the greatest
15 percentage of the population of the election district is located, or
16 an individual designated by the county chairman, for a caucus or
17 committee acting under section 6(a) of this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred House Bill 1008, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "September 1" and insert "**August 1**".

Page 1, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 3-8-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) A political party shall conduct a state convention to nominate the candidates of the political party for the following offices to be voted on at the next general election:

- (1) Lieutenant governor.
- (2) Secretary of state.
- (3) Auditor of state.
- (4) Treasurer of state.
- (5) Attorney general.
- (6) Superintendent of public instruction.

(b) The convention ~~shall~~ **may** also:

- (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate electors; and
- (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention of the political party.

(c) If a political party's state convention does not:

- (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate electors; or**
- (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national convention of the political party;**

the candidates shall be nominated or the delegates elected as provided in the state party's rules."

Page 1, line 15, delete "September 1" and insert "**August 1**".

Page 2, line 10, delete "September 1" and insert "**August 1**".

Page 14, after line 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 17. IC 3-11-18.1-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2011, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. **(a)** When the total number of active voters in the county equals at least twenty-five thousand (25,000), the following apply:

- (1) The plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center for each ten thousand (10,000) active voters.
- (2) In addition to the vote centers designated in subdivision (1), the plan must provide for a vote center for any fraction of ten



thousand (10,000) voters.

(b) This subsection applies if a vote center plan, or an amendment to a vote center plan, is not adopted by a unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board. In addition to the number of vote centers required by subsection (a), the plan must provide that at least one (1) vote center must be located in each township in the county that has five thousand (5,000) or more active voters."

Page 19, delete lines 6 through 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 25. IC 3-13-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013, SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. **(a)** Except as provided in IC 3-10-8-7.5 and **subsection (b)**, a candidate vacancy for United States Representative shall be filled by a caucus comprised by the precinct committeemen of the political party whose precincts are within the congressional district.

(b) A candidate vacancy that exists due to the withdrawal of a candidate after noon July 15 shall be filled as provided in section 7.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 26. IC 3-13-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b)**, a candidate vacancy for a legislative office shall be filled by a caucus comprised by the precinct committeemen of the political party whose precincts are within the senate or house district.

(b) A candidate vacancy that exists due to the withdrawal of a candidate after noon July 15 shall be filled as provided in section 7.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 27. IC 3-13-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in ~~subsection (b)~~, **subsections (b) and (c)**, a candidate vacancy for a local office shall be filled by:

- (1) a caucus comprised of the precinct committeemen who are eligible to participate under section 10 of this chapter; or
- (2) the county chairman of the political party or a caucus comprised of the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the county committee of the party, if:

- (A) authorized to fill vacancies under this chapter by majority vote of the county committee; and
- (B) the election district for the local office is entirely within one (1) county.

(b) A candidate vacancy for the office of circuit court judge or



prosecuting attorney in a circuit having more than one (1) county shall be filled by a caucus comprised of the precinct committeemen who constitute the county committees of the political party for all of the circuit.

(c) A candidate vacancy that exists due to the withdrawal of a candidate after noon July 15 shall be filled as provided in section 7.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 28. IC 3-13-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), action to fill a candidate vacancy must be taken:

- (1) not later than noon June 30 after the primary election if the vacancy exists on a general or municipal election ballot; and
- (2) within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the vacancy, if the vacancy exists on a special election ballot, subject to section 2 of this chapter.

(b) This subsection applies to a candidate vacancy that exists before the thirtieth day before a general, municipal, or special election and that is due to any of the following:

- (1) The death of a candidate.
- (2) The withdrawal of a candidate **not later than noon July 15.**
- (3) The disqualification of a candidate under IC 3-8-1-5.
- (4) A court order issued under IC 3-8-7-29(d).

Action to fill a candidate vacancy under section 3, 4, 5, or 6 of this chapter for reasons permitted under this subsection must be taken within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

SECTION 29. IC 3-13-1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) This section applies only to the filling of a candidate vacancy:**

- (1) due to the withdrawal of a candidate; and**
- (2) that occurs after noon July 15 and not later than noon August 1.**

(b) This subsection does not apply to a candidate vacancy that occurs due to the withdrawal of a candidate who moves from the election district. A candidate vacancy that occurs due to the withdrawal of a candidate after noon August 1 may not be filled. The name of a candidate who withdraws after noon August 1 may not be removed from the ballot.

(c) The other provisions of this chapter apply to filling a candidate vacancy under this section except if in conflict with this section. In case of a conflict, the provisions of this section apply.



(d) A candidate vacancy for an office shall be filled by a majority vote of a committee consisting of the county chairman of the political party of each of the counties that have territory in the election district.

(e) Notice of a meeting held under this section must be given in accordance with the rules of the political party having the candidate vacancy.

(f) Procedures of a meeting held under this section must conform to the rules of the political party having the candidate vacancy.

(g) A vacancy filled under this chapter must be filled not later than noon August 15.

(h) The certificate of candidate selection required by section 15 of this chapter shall be filed not later than noon three (3) days (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after selection of the candidate.

SECTION 30. IC 3-13-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2011, SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8. A meeting under section 7 **or 7.5** of this chapter shall be called and chaired by:

- (1) the state chairman, or a person designated by the state chairman, for a caucus or committee acting under section 3, 4, 5, or 6(b) of this chapter; or
- (2) the county chairman of the county in which the greatest percentage of the population of the election district is located, or an individual designated by the county chairman, for a caucus or committee acting under section 6(a) of this chapter."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1008 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 4.

