

The Road Ahead

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***2020 Election Issues
for First-Timers and
Veteran Administrators***

***Brad King, Co-Director
Indiana Election Division
March 2020 Clerks' Association
District Meeting***

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Oops

Care and Feeding of Candidates

Bad Things Happen

- Don't assume new candidates know the process.
- Offer advice about election procedures but not legal advice. You are not their attorney.
- If you do for one, do for all.
- Make IED brochures and your own info widely available on website and your office counter.

Name Change

Death

Bad Things Happen

- Residence questions
 - Candidate who move after withdraw deadline can still withdraw.
 - Special procedure if candidate refuses to withdraw. (IC 3-8-2-23)
- Felony conviction
 - Lifetime ban even if pled down to misdemeanor. (IC 3-8-1-5)
 - Expungement
- Hatch Act
 - Does not apply to many candidates
- Code of Judicial Conduct

Death

- Deceased candidate not printed on ballot (IC 3-11-3-29.3) after finding by CEB or notice from IED.
- In the PRIMARY, the ballot is not reprinted if the county has printed its ABS ballots.
- Reprinting is required for the GENERAL.
- If deceased candidate win the PRIMARY, candidate vacancy occurs. (IC 3-8-7-1)

Name Change

- CEB is not required to reprint ballots if candidate changes legal name, but may do so. (IC 3-11-3-29)
 - Example - marriage, divorce, adoption, or other personal reasons.

Oops

Ballot Mistakes

- Names of candidates or offices omitted
- Names of candidates misspelled
- Incorrect instructions
- Voter given the wrong ballot style

How to Prevent Ballot Mistakes

- The more eyes the better; sleep on it
- CEB member and county chair review
- Expanded candidate receipt (CAN-5)

How to Correct Ballot Mistakes (IC 3-11-2-16)

- Harmless error? Notify CEB and candidate
- CEB public hearing
- Written objection filed?
- Voter who cast defective ballot may receive a replacement ballot (ABS-5)
- Notice to voters not required, but often given by CEB

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A diagram illustrating the Voter Registration process. A large, light-colored circle in the center contains the text "Voter Registration". To the right of this central circle, five smaller teal circles are arranged vertically, each containing a step in the process: "Voter Eligibility", "Processing Applications", "Voter List Maintenance", "Fail Safe Procedures", and "Public Records". The background of the slide is a photograph of a mountainous landscape with a small white house on a hillside.

Voter Registration

Voter Eligibility

Processing Applications

Voter List Maintenance

Fail Safe Procedures

Public Records

Voter Eligibility

Indiana Constitution Article 2 Section 2

- 18 years of age (by Nov. 3, 2020)
- US citizen (not Green Card holder)
- Reside in precinct for at least 30 days before the election
- Not imprisoned following conviction of a crime (felony or misdemeanor)

Party Affiliation in Primary

- No registration by party in Indiana
- Voter can be challenged after requesting Party A ballot (IC 3-10-1-9) (PRE-6)

Processing Applications

- Incomplete application (*VR Guidebook p. 12, 24-26.*)
- Additional residence documentation - not the same as photo ID, but photo ID can be used if the address matches (*VR Guidebook p. 16-19*)
- Voter registration drives (*VR Guidebook p. 20-21*)
- Receipt ok by paper or online, but not fax or email (IC 3-5-4-1.7) except UOCAVA
- Deadline: remember postmark and agency rules(*VR Guidebook p. 31-32*) IC 3-7-33
- "Pending" status (*VR Guidebook p. 2*)

Voter List Maintenance

The Freeze is on!

- February 5, 2020 - May 5, 2020
- During the 90 day period, you can
 - Update
 - Transfer using VRG 4/12, absentee in same precinct
 - Cancel
- During the 90 day period you CANNOT
 - inactivate a voter registration record

Fail Safe Procedures

- Mistake by county: certificate of error
- Voter affirmation of continued residence
- Timely registration receipt from agency
- Residence change in same precinct
- VRG 4/12 form residence change within the same county AND same congressional district.
 - Return to former precinct polls one last time to vote.
- Presidential Only ballot (VRG - 15)
 - Moved out of Indiana, less than 30 days before November 3, 2020.
 - Not used in Primary

Public Records

- May 2020 Primary vote history must be posted in SVRS by July 6, 2020 (IC 3-10-1-31.2)
- Original paper voter registration records are available to public for inspection and copying (IC 5-14-3)
- However, CEB must adopt non-discriminatory policy regarding making electronic copies of full county file (not the reports generated in SVRS) and if so at what fee (IC 3-7-27-6)
 - IED has templates available

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Campaign Finance

**Reporting
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Reporting Requirements

CFA - 4 Report Due From Primary Candidates

- Noon local time April 17, 2020
- Even if candidate unopposed
- Even if candidate "only has zeros"
- Even if candidate only spent own money

CFA - II Large Contribution

- \$1,000 or more received after April 17, 2020
- Reported not later than 48 hours after receipt

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ELECTION DAY

- New Requirement: report number of voters in line at vote center or polling place
 - At 6 a.m.
 - At 12:30 p.m.
 - At 6 p.m.
- Use PRE-1 precinct oath book (IC 3-11-8-9)

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POST-PRIMARY

Canvass Votes

- Candidate vacancy if dead candidate wins or tie vote (IC 3-13-1-17)
- Provisional ballots (noon, May 15, 2020) to decide whether to count
- When results complete, submit "FINAL" in SVRS
- Hope no recounts or contests

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