

2020 Indiana Election Calendar



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This condensed version of the official 2020 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, the Porter 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 8, 2020

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 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 with a county voter registration office 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 15, 2020

DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2019.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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 4, 2020

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

Friday, February 7, 2020

DEADLINE, by noon, Indianapolis time, for major party candidate for President or Governor to file a declaration of candidacy and petitions for placement on the primary election ballot with the election division 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).

Monday, February 10, 2020

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a withdrawal of candidacy for the primary election (other than presidential primary candidates).

Thursday, February 20, 2020

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

Monday, March 2, 2020

DEADLINE, by noon, for regular party committees to file 2019 annual campaign finance reports.

Saturday, March 21, 2020

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

Monday, April 6, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

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

Friday, April 10, 2020

End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, April 16, 2020

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 17, 2020

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

Thursday, April 23, 2020

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 25, 2020

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least seven (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 four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least seven (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 four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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 county verification of petition signatures (See related entry for June 30, 2020).

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

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

Friday, August 21, 2020

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

Saturday, September 19, 2020

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

Monday, October 5, 2020**VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS**

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

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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

Friday, October 9, 2020

End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, October 15, 2020

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 16, 2020

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

Thursday, October 22, 2020

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.

Monday, May 4, 2020

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 5, 2020**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2020**VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS**

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

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

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

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.

Monday, July 6, 2020

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.

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.

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open at least seven (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 four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Saturday, October 31, 2020

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least seven (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 four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Monday, November 2, 2020

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 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 3, 2020**GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

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

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

Tuesday, December 1, 2020**VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS****Thursday, December 31, 2020**

End of annual reporting period for campaign finance reports.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2020.