

Sample Ballot

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GENERAL ELECTION

November 3, 2026

Benton County

HICKORY GROVE-County

INSTRUCTIONS

1) **CASTING A VOTE:** To vote for the candidate of your choice and to vote on a public question, completely darken the box to the LEFT of the candidate's name or the word "YES" or "NO" for a public question. Darken the box completely, like this ☒. If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the Election Official and obtain another. Do not attempt to change any marks made in error.

2) **WRITE-IN:** To cast a vote for a write-in candidate, darken the box to the LEFT of the line for 'Write-in' and PRINT the name of the candidate on the line provided. A write-in vote will not be counted unless the vote is for a DECLARED write-in candidate.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To vote, darken the box to the left of the word "YES" or "NO".

PUBLIC QUESTION #1

Currently, under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a person charged with murder or treason is not entitled to be released on bail if the proof is evident or the presumption strong. Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder or treason is not entitled to bail if:

(1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and
(2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community.

(This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

☐ YES

☐ NO

PUBLIC QUESTION #2

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to permit the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county in which the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to the city or town in which the court is located? (This question concerns Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

☐ YES

☐ NO

STRAIGHT PARTY INSTRUCTIONS

1) You are not required to vote a straight party ticket. If you do not wish to vote a straight party ticket, do not make a selection in this section, and proceed to voting the ballot by office.

2) To vote a straight ticket for all candidates of the party of your choice on this ballot, except for candidates described in (3) below, make a selection for the party of your choice.

3) To vote for any candidate for an at-large office, (county council, town council, or township board if those offices appear on this ballot) or a school board office, you must make a selection for each candidate you wish to vote for. Your straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for that office.

4) If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a nonpartisan office or on a public question, you must make a selection on the appropriate place on this ballot.

STRAIGHT PARTY

☐ REPUBLICAN PARTY



☐ DEMOCRATIC PARTY



☐ LIBERTARIAN PARTY



☐ LINCOLN PARTY



☐ SOCIALIST PARTY OF INDIANA



FEDERAL & STATE

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Vote for one (1) only

☐ MAX ENGLING
REPUBLICAN

☐ BEAU BAYH
DEMOCRATIC

☐ LAURI A. SHILLINGS
LIBERTARIAN

☐ GREG BALLARD
LINCOLN

☐

Write-in

FOR STATE COMPTROLLER (AUDITOR OF STATE)

Vote for one (1) only

☐ ELISE NIESHALLA
REPUBLICAN

☐ JESSICA BAILEY
DEMOCRATIC

☐ JOHN SCHICK
LIBERTARIAN

FOR TREASURER OF STATE

Vote for one (1) only

☐ DANIEL ELLIOTT
REPUBLICAN

☐ COUMBA KEBE
DEMOCRATIC

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FOURTH DISTRICT

Vote for one (1) only

☐ JIM BAIRD
REPUBLICAN

☐ DREW COX
DEMOCRATIC

☐

Write-in

STATE LEGISLATIVE

FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 06

Vote for one (1) only

☐ JAMES (JAY) STARKEY
REPUBLICAN

☐ KATE-LYNN HOLLEY
DEMOCRATIC

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 013

Vote for one (1) only

☐ MATT COMMONS
REPUBLICAN

☐ BRENNA GESWEIN
DEMOCRATIC

☐ BEN DAVIS
SOCIALIST PARTY OF INDIANA

Read Both Sides of the Ballot

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CIRCUIT & COUNTY JUDICIAL

FOR JUDGE OF THE BENTON CIRCUIT
COURT
76TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Vote for one (1) only

☐ JOHN C. WRIGHT
REPUBLICAN

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
76TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Vote for one (1) only

☐ DAVID T.A. MATTINGLY
REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

Vote for one (1) only

☐ JENNIFER GREENBERG
REPUBLICAN

COUNTY

FOR COUNTY SHERIFF

Vote for one (1) only

☐ JOHN K. COX
REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

Vote for one (1) only

☐ SAMANTHA (CLOUSE) SMITH
REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

Vote for one (1) only

☐ KELLY BALENSIEFER
REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 1

Vote for one (1) only

☐ SHAWN P LEUCK
REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT 3

Vote for one (1) only

☐ JACKIE STEINMETZ
REPUBLICAN

TOWNSHIP

FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
HICKORY GROVE

Vote for one (1) only

☐ ANGELA (ANGIE) R. CADE
REPUBLICAN

AT LARGE

TOWNSHIP

FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER
HICKORY GROVE

Vote for not more than three (3)
candidates. A straight party vote will
not count as a vote for any candidate
for this office.

☐ KEATON W FOSTER
REPUBLICAN

☐ KEVIN T MCNEIL
REPUBLICAN

☐ JANESSA STEPHENS
REPUBLICAN

SCHOOL BOARD

FOR BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD
DISTRICT B

Vote for one (1) only. A straight party
vote will not count as a vote for any
candidate for this office.

☐ SCOTT ROBERTSON

FOR BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD
DISTRICT C

Vote for one (1) only. A straight party
vote will not count as a vote for any
candidate for this office.

☐ AMY M KOTTKAMP

JUDICIAL RETENTION

To vote, darken the box to the left
of the word "YES" or "NO".

COURT OF APPEALS JUDICIAL
RETENTION - FOURTH DISTRICT

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be
retained in office?

☐ YES

☐ NO

COURT OF APPEALS JUDICIAL
RETENTION - FIFTH DISTRICT

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained
in office?

☐ YES

☐ NO

RETENTION OF JUDGE OF THE
INDIANA TAX COURT

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be
retained in office?

☐ YES

☐ NO

CLERK'S INITIALS