



Election Division Dispatch

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NEWS & UPDATES

IED Office Remodel

From June 2 to at least the week of August 11, 2025, the IED office in room E204 of the Indiana Government Center South building will be closed to the public. The office is being remodeled to include updated physical security features recommended by the Department of Homeland Security. Staff remains available by phone or email and can meet virtually when needed. Election-related filings can be made in the SOS Business Services Division located in room E018, which is in the basement level (essentially two floors directly below from the IED office across from the elevator bay). Mailed documents can still be sent to our E204 address in IGCS.

SAVE THE DATE: IED Annual Conference

A reminder that the 2026 Annual Election Administrators' Conference will be held December 15 to 17, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Traditionally, the first day is a half-day (afternoon) and the next two days are full days. Expect a formal 'call to meeting' in late summer to register for the event and to access the hotel block.

SVRS Annual Audits

Baker Tilly will be reaching out to counties this month to provide instructions to complete the SVRS Annual Audits. Completion of the SVRS Annual Audits is critical to maintain the security of the statewide voter registration system. In most cases, the county's SVRS administrator will need to be the one to complete the work, which includes reviewing SVRS user accounts and validating specific system workflows. More information that details the specific activities included for this important work were sent in late May. Civix hosted training sessions on this effort in May so check out the recordings if you were not able to attend. The Help Desk can provide support, if needed.

CALENDAR

- June 20, 2025:** First wave of card 2's (voter response cards) mailed to voters whose card 1 was returned as undeliverable
- June 30, 2025:** Deadline for a school corporation to certify the school operating referendum to the CEB as a special election on November 4, 2025
- July 4, 2025:** Independence Day, IED Closed
- July 11, 2025:** Last wave of card 2's (voter response cards) mailed to voters whose card 1 was returned as undeliverable
- August 22, 2025:** Suggested deadline for voter receiving card 2 to drop it in the mail
- August 27, 2025 (noon):** Deadline to submit proposed precinct changes (IEC-8) to IED for processing
- August 29, 2025:** Deadline for IED to receive card 2 for it to be processed

JUNE WEB TRAINING

June 3 & 5 | Statewide VLM Mailings

June 17 & 18 | New User Overview

2025 Calendar is posted to the INSVRS County Portal and subject to change.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Q. Can a voter's Power of Attorney (POA) register the individual to vote and sign the form on behalf of the voter? What about an absentee ballot application or absentee ballot security envelope?

A. Before we get to the answer, keep in mind that a voter with a disability or a person who cannot speak or read the English language can have assistance from nearly any person except for their employer or union representative for many election procedures. Additionally, when a POA provides this support, a copy of the POA is to be attached to the record. These general rules are assumed in the explanation below.

For **voter registration**, the voter's POA does not give the individual the power to determine **where** and **whether** the person receiving assistance should be registered to vote. State law (IC 30-5-5-14) makes it clear that POA's do not have authority to execute a person's voter registration application. However, certain voters may have help completing their registration application, including signing the voter's name, if the affidavit of assistance is filled out.

Similar rules apply to an **absentee ballot application**. Certain voters may have assistance in filling out the application, including signing the voter's name, if the affidavit of assistance is completed.

When it comes to the **absentee ballot to vote** itself, support is more restricted under state law. Only the voter can complete their own ballot, enclose it in the ballot security envelope, and sign their name or make their mark on the voter's affidavit. A POA does NOT have authority to complete an absentee ballot on another person's behalf!

Instead, a POA can attest to the voter's signature or mark on the absentee ballot affidavit, or seal the envelope on the voter's behalf. Additionally, any person but those noted above can also assist with sealing the envelope. The affidavit of assistance must be completed by the individual providing this support.

Voters who cannot personally mark their own ballot are to vote by **travel board**. Alternatively, a **voter with print disabilities** can request an accessible ABS ballot. A voter can also **vote in-person before or on Election Day** and request assistance from persons noted above or ABS voter board members or Election Day judges after completing a PRE-3 form before entering the voting booth.

IN FOCUS: Statewide VLM Project Continues

Last month we touched on card 1 of the statewide postcard mailing. Those cards entered the mail stream on or around May 27, 2025, with the final batch being dropped by the end of May. These cards were sent by non-forwardable first class mail to all Hoosier voters in “active” status. This means cards that cannot be delivered by the USPS will “return to sender” (that is, IED) and initiate the process to send the card 2 to those impacted voters.

On or around June 20, 2025, the Voter Response Card (VRC or Card 2) will be mailed to those voters where Card 1 was returned by the USPS as undeliverable to the state. This second card is sent as forwardable, first-class mail and includes a postage pre-paid “response card” for the voter to confirm, update, or cancel their Indiana registration. IED must receive this card not later than August 29, 2025, to avoid the voter’s registration being moved to “inactive” status. (Note: The instructions note that the state recommends the voter drop the card in the mail by August 22, 2025, to ensure IED receives it by August 29, 2025. However, the voter can still send the card back after August 22, 2025, though actions taken on their record will depend on when the response card was received.)

A voter receiving the VRC can confirm their registration address is accurate; update it within their same Indiana county; or cancel their registration if they moved out of their Indiana county. The voter must sign the response card to make their response effective. Additionally, if the voter wants to update their registration address within their same county, then they must answer the age and citizenship questions.

Counties will begin receiving card 2 data to act upon sometime after June 20, 2025. Please make sure you are working through your list maintenance hoppers routinely, as counties need to complete the first round of hopper work by September 9, 2025. This will allow Civix to upload “late-arriving” response cards into the VLM hoppers for counties to process out as a registration form.

More information, including training materials and detailed memos, will be shared as the project moves forward. Please be sure to add one of the two SVRS training dates to your calendar: June 3 and June 5. Lastly, information about this project is available at indianavoters.com/VLM. Please direct constituents to this website or they can email or call our office (elections@iec.in.gov or 317-232-3939) with questions. In some cases, however, we may need to direct the voter back to the county, as county registration officials make the final determination on how to process the VRC.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Important Information
PLEASE OPEN

Tear here
AND SEND THE BOTTOM
PORTION BACK TO US

Dear <Full Name>, please return this postcard not later than August 22, 2025.
If you are not <Full Name>, please disregard this mailing.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS	LOCATION
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SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION, COMPLETELY FILLING IN THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE IN BLACK OR BLUE INK:

- ☐ #1: The above residence address is my current Indiana residence address.
- ☐ #2: I have moved my residence OUTSIDE of <County> County or OUTSIDE of Indiana.
Please contact your new county voter registration office to register to vote.
Indiana residents with a valid Indiana driver's license or Indiana State ID Card can register to vote online at indianavoters.com.
- ☐ #3: My residence address has changed WITHIN <County> County to:

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (no PO boxes) _____ CITY _____, IN _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from residence address) _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

IF YOU SELECTED OPTION #3, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVALS INDICATING YOUR RESPONSE BELOW:

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day? ☐ YES ☐ NO

I swear or affirm, under the penalties for perjury, the accuracy of the information I provided. If I selected Option #1 above, I continue to reside at my Indiana residence address. If I selected Option #2 above, I authorize my voter registration record at any previous residence address to be cancelled. If I selected Option #3 above, I authorize my Indiana voter registration record to be updated.

PRINTED NAME - CHECK IF NAME CHANGE ☐

SIGNATURE - YOU MUST SIGN THIS CARD



FROM THE INDIANA ELECTION DIVISION
YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED!

The Indiana Election Division recently sent you a postcard that was returned by the United States Postal Service. To ensure that your voter registration information is accurate, please:

- Fill out, sign, and return the attached postage paid postcard **as soon as possible** and not later than August 22, 2025. The Indiana Election Division must receive this postcard not later than August 29, 2025.

If you do **not** respond to this postcard **OR** do **not** update your voter registration, you may still be eligible to vote at the residence address listed on this card in 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028.

However, if you do **not** return this postcard **AND** do **not** vote in an election conducted in 2025, 2026, 2027, or 2028, then your voter registration at the residence address listed on this postcard may be cancelled following the November 2028 election.

Questions? Contact your Indiana county's Voter Registration office by visiting indianavoters.com or by calling the Indiana Election Division at 800-622-4941 (toll free in Indiana).



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NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES

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FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO 1327 INDIANAPOLIS IN
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