

## **IC 3-5-2**

### **Chapter 2. Definitions**

#### **IC 3-5-2-1**

##### **Application of definitions**

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this title.  
*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-1.5**

##### **"Absent uniformed services voter"**

Sec. 1.5. "Absent uniformed services voter" refers to any of the following:

- (1) A member of a uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of active duty, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote.
- (2) A member of the merchant marine who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote.
- (3) A member of the Indiana national guard deployed or on assignment outside Indiana.
- (4) A spouse or dependent of a member referred to in subdivision (1), (2), or (3) who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote.

*As added by P.L.14-1993, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.12-1995, SEC.1; P.L.3-1997, SEC.3; P.L.126-2002, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-1.7**

##### **"Active voter"**

Sec. 1.7. "Active voter" means the following:

- (1) For purposes of IC 3-11-1.5, refers to a voter who satisfies either of the following:
  - (A) The voter has registered or voted in any election during the preceding four (4) years at the address indicated on the voter's registration record.
  - (B) The voter has not voted in any election during the preceding four (4) years at the address indicated on the voter's registration record and has responded in writing to an address confirmation notice sent under IC 3-7 not later than thirty (30) days after the notice was sent.
- (2) For purposes of IC 3-11-18.1, has the meaning set forth in IC 3-11-18.1-2.

*As added by P.L.12-1995, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.4-1996, SEC.1; P.L.38-1999, SEC.1; P.L.225-2011, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-2**

##### **"Automatic tabulating machine"**

Sec. 2. "Automatic tabulating machine" means:

- (1) apparatus necessary to automatically examine and count votes as designated on ballots; and

- (2) data processing machines that can be used for counting ballots and tabulating results.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.6-1986, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-2.5**

#### **"Auxiliary party organization"**

Sec. 2.5. "Auxiliary party organization" means an organization located within or outside Indiana that:

- (1) is affiliated with a political party;
- (2) proposes to influence the election of a candidate for state, legislative, local, or school board office, or the outcome of a public question; and
- (3) has not:
  - (A) had an annual budget of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more in at least one (1) of the last two (2) years; or
  - (B) made a contribution of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to another committee or to a candidate.

*As added by P.L.3-1995, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.176-1999, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-3**

#### **"Ballot"**

Sec. 3. "Ballot" means:

- (1) the paper ballot prepared, printed, and supplied for use at an election;
- (2) the ballot label prepared, printed, and supplied for use on the front of an electronic voting system; or
- (3) the ballot card prepared, printed, and supplied for use in a ballot card voting system.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.2; P.L.221-2005, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-4**

#### **"Ballot card"**

Sec. 4. "Ballot card" refers to an optical scan ballot.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.239-2001, SEC.1; P.L.221-2005, SEC.2.*

### **IC 3-5-2-4.5**

#### **"Ballot card voting system"**

Sec. 4.5. "Ballot card voting system" refers to an optical scan voting system.

*As added by P.L.239-2001, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.221-2005, SEC.3.*

### **IC 3-5-2-5**

#### **"Ballot label"**

Sec. 5. "Ballot label" means:

- (1) the printed strip or sheet of cardboard or paper, supplied for use on an electronic voting system, that contains the names of the candidates and the public questions on the ballot; or

- (2) the material, supplied for use with a ballot card voting system, that contains those names and questions.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.3; P.L.221-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-5.5**

##### **"Bona fide political party"**

Sec. 5.5. "Bona fide political party" means:

- (1) a major political party; or
- (2) a political party that has:
  - (A) nominated at least one (1) candidate for political office during the preceding five (5) years;
  - (B) held a convention; or
  - (C) raised money and filed the financial reports required by law.

*As added by P.L.3-1993, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-6**

##### **"Candidate"**

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), "candidate" means a person who:

- (1) has taken the action necessary to qualify under Indiana law for listing on the ballot at an election or to become a write-in candidate;
- (2) has publicly announced or declared candidacy for an elected office; or
- (3) otherwise seeks nomination for or election to an elected office, regardless of whether the individual wins election to the office.

(b) As used in IC 3-9, an individual becomes a "candidate" when the individual, the candidate's committee, or a person acting with the consent of the individual:

- (1) receives more than one hundred dollars (\$100) in contributions; or
- (2) makes more than one hundred dollars (\$100) in expenditures.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.4-1991, SEC.1; P.L.3-1997, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-7**

##### **"Candidate's committee"**

Sec. 7. "Candidate's committee" means:

- (1) the principal political committee that each candidate is required to have under IC 3-9-1; or
- (2) an exploratory committee established by a candidate who has not decided whether to become a candidate for a specific office.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.8-1992, SEC.2; P.L.3-1995, SEC.4.*

**IC 3-5-2-7.5****"Caucus"**

Sec. 7.5. As used in IC 3-9, "caucus" refers to a caucus to fill a candidate vacancy under IC 3-13-1 or IC 3-13-2. The term does not include a caucus to fill a vacant office under IC 3-13-5 or IC 3-13-11. *As added by P.L.3-1997, SEC.5.*

**IC 3-5-2-8****"Central committee"**

Sec. 8. "Central committee" means a state committee, congressional district committee, county committee, city committee, or town committee of a political party.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-8.7****Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.164-2006, SEC.143.)*

**IC 3-5-2-9****"Chairman"**

Sec. 9. "Chairman" refers to the chairman of a central committee as follows:

- (1) State chairman, chairman of a state committee.
- (2) District chairman, chairman of a congressional district committee.
- (3) County chairman, chairman of a county committee.
- (4) City chairman, chairman of a city committee.
- (5) Town chairman, chairman of a town committee.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-10****"Chute"**

Sec. 10. "Chute" means the area or pathway that extends fifty (50) feet in length, measured from the entrance to the polls. If the property line of the polling place is less than fifty (50) feet from the door or entrance to the polling place, the chute is measured from the exterior door or entrance to the polling place to one-half (1/2) the distance to the property line of the polling place nearest to the entrance to the polls. Whenever there are two (2) or more doors or entrances to the polls, the inspector of the precinct shall designate one (1) door or entrance as the door for voters to enter for the purpose of voting.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.69-2003, SEC.1; P.L.14-2004, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-11****"City"**

Sec. 11. "City" means a first class city, second class city, or third class city as classified under IC 36-4-1-1. The term does not include towns.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-11.5**

**"Commission"**

Sec. 11.5. "Commission" refers to the Indiana election commission established by IC 3-6-4.1-1.

*As added by P.L.8-1995, SEC.3.*

**IC 3-5-2-12**

**"Consolidated city"**

Sec. 12. "Consolidated city" refers to a first class city that has become a consolidated city under IC 36-3-1.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-13**

**"Contestee"**

Sec. 13. "Contestee" means a candidate whose nomination or election is being contested by a contestor.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-14**

**"Contestor"**

Sec. 14. "Contestor" means a person who initiates a proceeding to contest the result of an election.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-15**

**"Contribution"**

Sec. 15. (a) "Contribution" means a donation (whether characterized as an advance, a deposit, a gift, a loan, a subscription, or a contract or promise to make a donation) of property (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-253) that satisfies both of the following:

(1) The donation is made for the purpose of influencing any of the following:

(A) The nomination or election to office of a candidate.

(B) The election of delegates to a state constitutional convention.

(C) The outcome of a public question.

(2) The donation is accepted by any of the following:

(A) A candidate.

(B) A candidate's committee.

(C) A regular party committee.

(D) A political action committee.

(E) A legislative caucus committee.

(b) Whenever funds are transferred from one (1) committee to another, the accepting committee is considered to be receiving a contribution in the amount of the funds transferred.

(c) Whenever a candidate or a committee accepts the personal services of a person whose compensation is being paid by a third person, the candidate or committee is considered to be receiving a

contribution from the third person in the amount of the compensation paid.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), whenever a candidate or a committee accepts the personal services of a volunteer who is not being compensated, the candidate or committee is not considered to be receiving a contribution.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (a), whenever a political action committee accepts a donation of:

- (1) rent;
- (2) office expenses;
- (3) management fees;
- (4) costs of solicitations of contributions; or
- (5) other administrative costs;

the committee is not considered to be receiving a contribution.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.4; P.L.5-1989, SEC.2; P.L.3-1997, SEC.6; P.L.114-2012, SEC.2.*

### **IC 3-5-2-16**

#### **"Convention"**

Sec. 16. "Convention" means an organized body of delegates assembled for the purpose of selecting their political party's nominees for elected offices.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-16.2**

#### **"County voter registration office"**

Sec. 16.2. "County voter registration office" means the following:

- (1) A board of registration established by a county executive acting under IC 3-7-12.
- (2) A board of elections and registration established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.
- (3) The office of the circuit court clerk, in a county in which a board has not been established under subdivision (1) or (2).

*As added by P.L.3-1997, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.144-2001, SEC.1; P.L.225-2011, SEC.3.*

### **IC 3-5-2-16.4**

#### **"Domicile"**

Sec. 16.4. "Domicile" means residence, as determined under IC 3-5-5.

*As added by P.L.258-2013, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-16.5**

#### **"Elderly"**

Sec. 16.5. "Elderly" means a voter who is at least sixty-five (65) years of age.

*As added by P.L.4-1991, SEC.2.*

### **IC 3-5-2-17**

#### **"Elected office"**

Sec. 17. "Elected office" means a federal office, state office, legislative office, school board office, or local office. Political party offices (such as precinct committeeman and state convention delegate) are not considered to be elected offices.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-18**

##### **"Election day"**

Sec. 18. "Election day" refers to the calendar day on which an election is held.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-19**

##### **"Election district"**

Sec. 19. "Election district" means the area comprised by precincts where voters who are qualified to vote for a candidate or on a public question reside and whose votes a candidate or committee proposes to influence.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.219-2013, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-19.5**

##### **"Election division"**

Sec. 19.5. "Election division" refers to the election division of the secretary of state's office established by IC 3-6-4.2-1.

*As added by P.L.8-1995, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-20**

##### **"Electorate"**

Sec. 20. "Electorate" means all the voters eligible to vote in an election in the state or a political subdivision.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-21**

##### **"Electronic voting system"**

Sec. 21. "Electronic voting system" means a system in which:

- (1) voters record their votes by activating touch-sensitive marking devices; and
- (2) votes are counted by automatic tabulating machines.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.6-1986, SEC.2; P.L.3-1987, SEC.5.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-21.5**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.221-2005, SEC.144.)*

#### **IC 3-5-2-22**

##### **"Executive"**

Sec. 22. "Executive" means:

- (1) board of county commissioners, for a county not having a consolidated city;

- (2) mayor of the consolidated city, for a county having a consolidated city;
- (3) mayor, for a city;
- (4) president of the town council, for a town; or
- (5) trustee, for a township.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.8-1989, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-23**

#### **"Expenditure"**

Sec. 23. (a) "Expenditure" means a disbursement (whether characterized as an advance, a deposit, a distribution, a gift, a loan, a payment, a purchase, or a contract or promise to make a disbursement) of property (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-253) that:

- (1) is made for the purpose of influencing:
  - (A) the nomination or election to office of a candidate;
  - (B) the election of delegates to a state constitutional convention; or
  - (C) the outcome of a public question; and
- (2) is made by:
  - (A) an individual, except that a contribution made by an individual is not considered to be an expenditure;
  - (B) a candidate's committee;
  - (C) a regular party committee; or
  - (D) a political action committee.

(b) Whenever funds are transferred from one (1) committee to another, the disbursing committee is considered to be making an expenditure in the amount of the funds transferred.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.114-2012, SEC.3.*

### **IC 3-5-2-23.2**

#### **"Expedited basis"**

Sec. 23.2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), "expedited basis" refers to the processing of:

- (1) a voter registration application;
- (2) a cancellation of a voter registration application;
- (3) a transfer of a voter registration application; or
- (4) another document that creates or amends the voter registration record of an individual;

not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the document is received by a county voter registration office or an agency required under IC 3-7 to transmit voter registration documents to a county voter registration office.

(b) If a voter registration application or other document listed in subsection (a) includes a partial Social Security number that must be submitted to the Commissioner of Social Security for verification under 42 U.S.C. 405(r), "expedited basis" refers to the processing of the application or document not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the bureau of motor vehicles commission receives verification from the Commissioner regarding the partial Social Security number.

(c) This subsection applies to the processing of a voter registration



document described in subsection (a)(1) that is received by a county voter registration office not more than seven (7) days before the close of a registration period under IC 3-7-13-10. The processing of a document subject to this subsection on an "expedited basis" refers to processing not later than seven (7) days following the receipt of the document.

*As added by P.L.14-2004, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.258-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-23.7**

##### **"Fax"**

Sec. 23.7. "Fax" refers to transmission of information by a facsimile (fax) machine.

*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-24**

##### **"Federal office"**

Sec. 24. "Federal office" refers to President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, and Senator and Representative in the Congress of the United States.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-24.5**

##### **"Filing"**

Sec. 24.5. "Filing" means the following:

(1) For purposes of filing an electronic report under IC 3-9-4-4 or IC 3-9-5-7, when the requirements of IC 3-9-4-4 or IC 3-9-5-7 have been met.

(2) For all other purposes, when all of the following have occurred:

(A) The presentation of a document to an individual required to receive the document under this title.

(B) The receipt of the document by the individual.

(C) The recording of the date and time the document was received by the individual.

*As added by P.L.10-1988, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.126-2002, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-25**

##### **"Fiscal body"**

Sec. 25. "Fiscal body" means:

(1) county council, for a county not having a consolidated city;

(2) city-county council, for a consolidated city or county having a consolidated city;

(3) common council, for a second or third class city;

(4) town council, for a town;

(5) township board, for a township; or

(6) governing body or budget approval body, for any other political subdivision.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.8-1987, SEC.1; P.L.8-1989, SEC.2.*

**IC 3-5-2-26**

**"Fiscal officer"**

Sec. 26. "Fiscal officer" means the city controller of a second class city or the clerk-treasurer of a town or third class city.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-26.2**

**"HAVA"**

Sec. 26.2. "HAVA" refers to the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15301 through 15545).

*As added by P.L.209-2003, SEC.2.*

**IC 3-5-2-26.4**

**"Inhabitant"**

Sec. 26.4. "Inhabitant", for purposes of:

(1) Article 4, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana; and

(2) Article 6, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana;

means a person who resides at a location, as determined under IC 3-5-5.

*As added by P.L.258-2013, SEC.3.*

**IC 3-5-2-26.5**

**Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.4-1991, SEC.147.)*

**IC 3-5-2-26.6**

**"Independent"**

Sec. 26.6. "Independent" means a candidate, or a ticket of candidates for President and Vice President of the United States or for governor and lieutenant governor, who states that the candidate or ticket is not affiliated with any political party.

*As added by P.L.3-1993, SEC.4.*

**IC 3-5-2-26.7**

**"Individual with a nontraditional residence"**

Sec. 26.7. "Individual with a nontraditional residence" means a person who:

(1) does not reside in a private residential dwelling or an institutional structure; and

(2) maintains a mobile residence or usually sleeps in a shelter, public area, or public right-of-way.

*As added by P.L.12-1995, SEC.3.*

**IC 3-5-2-26.8**

**"Lawful detention"**

Sec. 26.8. "Lawful detention" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-31.5-2-186.

*As added by P.L.12-1995, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.114-2012, SEC.4.*

**IC 3-5-2-27****"Legislative body"**

Sec. 27. "Legislative body" means the body having the power to adopt county, city, or town ordinances under IC 36-1-3-6.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-27.3****"Legislative caucus committee"**

Sec. 27.3. "Legislative caucus committee" means an organization that satisfies all of the following:

- (1) The organization is organized by members of the general assembly who belong to the same state political party.
- (2) The organization proposes to influence only the election of candidates for legislative office.
- (3) The organization accepts contributions or makes expenditures that in the aggregate exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) during a calendar year to influence only the election of candidates for legislative office.

*As added by P.L.3-1997, SEC.9.*

**IC 3-5-2-28****"Legislative office"**

Sec. 28. "Legislative office" refers to senator and representative in the general assembly.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-29****"Local office"**

Sec. 29. "Local office" means a circuit office, county office, city office, town office, township office, or other civil office for which the electorate of a political subdivision votes. The term includes all elected offices other than federal, state, legislative, and school board offices.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-30****"Major political party"**

Sec. 30. "Major political party" refers to:

- (1) with respect to the state, either of the two (2) parties whose nominees received the highest and second highest numbers of votes statewide for secretary of state in the last election; or
- (2) with respect to a political subdivision, either of the two (2) parties whose nominees received the highest and second highest numbers of votes in that political subdivision for secretary of state in the last election.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-31****"Marking device"**

Sec. 31. "Marking device" means:

- (1) a pencil for marking a paper ballot or ballot card; or
- (2) an approved touch-sensitive device that automatically registers a vote on an electronic voting system.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.6-1986, SEC.3; P.L.3-1987, SEC.6; P.L.221-2005, SEC.5.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-31.5**

##### **"Member of the military or public safety officer"**

Sec. 31.5. "Member of the military or public safety officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-14-2-5.

*As added by P.L.120-2009, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-32**

##### **"Municipality"**

Sec. 32. "Municipality" means a city or town.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-32.5**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.176-1999, SEC.132.)*

#### **IC 3-5-2-32.7**

##### **"Nomination date"**

Sec. 32.7. "Nomination date" refers to the following:

- (1) For candidates nominated in a primary election, the date of the primary election.
- (2) For candidates nominated in a convention, the date the convention is scheduled to be called to order, according to the call of the convention issued by the political party.
- (3) For candidates selected to fill a ballot vacancy, the date the certificate of selection of the candidate is filed under IC 3-13-1-15 or IC 3-13-2-8.
- (4) For candidates nominated by petition, the final date the petition of nomination is permitted to be filed under IC 3-8-6-10(c).
- (5) For write-in candidates, the final date the candidate's declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is permitted to be filed under IC 3-8-2-4.

*As added by P.L.3-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.176-1999, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-33**

##### **"Nominee"**

Sec. 33. "Nominee" means a candidate:

- (1) nominated by a political party at a primary election or convention under this title as the party's candidate for an elected office in a general, municipal, or special election; or
- (2) nominated by petition for an elected office.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 3-5-2-33.5**

**"NVRA"**

Sec. 33.5. "NVRA" refers to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg).  
*As added by P.L.12-1995, SEC.5.*

**IC 3-5-2-33.7**

**"NVRA official"**

Sec. 33.7. "NVRA official" refers to the designee under IC 3-7-11-1.  
*As added by P.L.8-1995, SEC.5.*

**IC 3-5-2-33.8**

**"Office"**

Sec. 33.8. "Office" refers to the office of census data established by IC 2-5-1.1-12.2.  
*As added by P.L.212-2001, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.1-2002, SEC.7.*

**IC 3-5-2-33.9**

**"Optical scan ballot"**

Sec. 33.9. (a) "Optical scan ballot" means a card or another paper on which votes are:

- (1) recorded by marking the card or paper in ink or pencil; and
- (2) tabulated by an optical system that reads the marks on the card or paper.

(b) "Optical scan voting system" means a voting system using optical scan ballots.  
*As added by P.L.239-2001, SEC.3.*

**IC 3-5-2-34**

**"Organization"**

Sec. 34. "Organization" means a person that is not an individual. The term includes a business firm or corporation, a limited liability company, a labor organization, a religious organization, a political club, a trustee, a receiver, or any other type of association or group of individuals.  
*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.8-1993, SEC.4.*

**IC 3-5-2-34.5**

**"Overseas voter"**

Sec. 34.5. "Overseas voter" refers to any of the following:

- (1) An absent uniformed services voter who, by reason of active duty or service, is absent from the United States on the date of the election involved.
- (2) A person who resides outside the United States and is qualified to vote in the last place in which the person was domiciled before leaving the United States.
- (3) A person who resides outside the United States and, but for such residence, would be qualified to vote in the last place in which the person was domiciled before leaving the United States.

*As added by P.L.14-1993, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.12-1995, SEC.6; P.L.3-1997, SEC.12; P.L.126-2002, SEC.4.*

**IC 3-5-2-34.7**

**"Paper ballot"**

Sec. 34.7. (a) "Paper ballot" refers to a ballot that is:

- (1) marked by a voter using a pen or pencil; and
- (2) designed to be counted by hand and not counted on an automatic tabulating machine.

(b) "Paper ballot" does not include a ballot card.

*As added by P.L.58-2005, SEC.2.*

**IC 3-5-2-35**

**Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.194-2013, SEC.1.)*

**IC 3-5-2-36**

**"Person"**

Sec. 36. "Person" means an individual or an organization.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-37**

**"Political action committee"**

Sec. 37. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), "political action committee" means an organization located within or outside Indiana that satisfies all of the following:

- (1) The organization proposes to influence:
  - (A) the election of a candidate for state, legislative, local, or school board office; or
  - (B) the outcome of a public question.
- (2) The organization accepts contributions or makes expenditures during a calendar year:
  - (A) to influence the election of a candidate for state, legislative, local, or school board office or the outcome of a public question that will appear on the ballot in Indiana; and
  - (B) that in the aggregate exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (3) The organization is not any of the following:
  - (A) An auxiliary party organization.
  - (B) A legislative caucus committee.
  - (C) A regular party committee.
  - (D) A candidate's committee.

(b) A corporation or labor organization that makes a contribution in accordance with IC 3-9-2 or makes an expenditure is not considered a political action committee.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.8; P.L.7-1990, SEC.1; P.L.3-1995, SEC.5; P.L.3-1997, SEC.13; P.L.2-1998, SEC.2; P.L.176-1999, SEC.3.*

**IC 3-5-2-38**

**"Political subdivision"**

Sec. 38. "Political subdivision" means a county, city, town, township, school corporation, public library, local housing authority, fire protection district, public transportation corporation, local building authority, local hospital authority or corporation, local airport authority, special service district, special taxing district, or other type of local governmental corporate entity.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-39**

#### **"Polls"**

Sec. 39. "Polls" means the room in a structure where the voters of a precinct vote by casting ballots.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.9.*

### **IC 3-5-2-40**

#### **"Precinct"**

Sec. 40. "Precinct" means a subdivision of a county or township established for election purposes.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

### **IC 3-5-2-40.1**

#### **"Precinct election officer"**

Sec. 40.1. "Precinct election officer" means a person appointed to serve in a precinct as one (1) of the following:

- (1) Inspector.
- (2) Judge.
- (3) Poll clerk.
- (4) Assistant poll clerk.
- (5) Election sheriff.

*As added by P.L.3-1987, SEC.10.*

### **IC 3-5-2-40.5**

#### **"Proof of identification"**

Sec. 40.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), "proof of identification" refers to a document that satisfies all the following:

- (1) The document shows the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, and the name conforms to the name in the individual's voter registration record.
- (2) The document shows a photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued.
- (3) The document includes an expiration date, and the document:
  - (A) is not expired; or
  - (B) expired after the date of the most recent general election.
- (4) The document was issued by the United States or the state of Indiana.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(3), a document issued by the United States Department of Defense, a branch of the uniformed services, the Merchant Marine, or the Indiana National Guard that:

- (1) otherwise complies with the requirements of subsection (a);

and  
(2) has no expiration date or states that the document has an indefinite expiration date;  
is sufficient proof of identification for purposes of this title.  
*As added by P.L.109-2005, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.118-2011, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-40.6**

**"Provisional ballot"**

Sec. 40.6. "Provisional ballot" refers to a ballot cast in accordance with the provisions of IC 3-11.7.  
*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.5.*

**IC 3-5-2-40.7**

**"Provisional voter"**

Sec. 40.7. "Provisional voter" refers to an individual who is entitled to cast a provisional ballot under IC 3-11.7.  
*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.6.*

**IC 3-5-2-41**

**"Public question"**

Sec. 41. "Public question" means a constitutional amendment, proposition, or other issue submitted to the electorate at an election.  
*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-41.5**

**Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.221-2005, SEC.145.)*

**IC 3-5-2-41.6**

**Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.221-2005, SEC.145.)*

**IC 3-5-2-41.7**

**"Registration agency"**

Sec. 41.7. "Registration agency" refers to any of the following:  
(1) The bureau of motor vehicles.  
(2) Any other agency at which individuals may register to vote under IC 3-7.  
*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.7.*

**IC 3-5-2-42**

**"Regular party committee"**

Sec. 42. "Regular party committee" means:  
(1) a central committee; or  
(2) a national committee of a political party.  
*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1995, SEC.6.*

**IC 3-5-2-42.5**

**"Residence"**



Sec. 42.5. "Residence" means the place:

- (1) where a person has the person's true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment; and
- (2) to which the person has, whenever absent, the intention of returning.

*As added by P.L.12-1995, SEC.7.*

**IC 3-5-2-43**

**Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.3-1987, SEC.570.)*

**IC 3-5-2-44**

**"School board"**

Sec. 44. "School board" means the fiscal body of a school corporation.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-45**

**"School board office"**

Sec. 45. "School board office" refers to an elected position on the school board of a school corporation.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-46**

**"School corporation"**

Sec. 46. "School corporation" refers to a public school corporation established under IC 20.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-47**

**"School district"**

Sec. 47. "School district" means the taxing district of a school corporation.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-47.5**

**"Signing the poll list"**

Sec. 47.5. "Signing the poll list" means:

- (1) a voter writing the voter's name on the certified list of registered voters for the precinct prepared in accordance with IC 3-7-29-1; or
- (2) a voter writing the voter's name on an electronic poll list using an electronic signature pad, tablet, or other signature capturing device at a polling place, office of the circuit court clerk (under IC 3-11-10-26), or satellite office (as established under IC 3-11-10-26.3) where the use of an electronic poll list is authorized in accordance with IC 3-7-29-6.

*As added by P.L.271-2013, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.258-2013, SEC.4.*

**IC 3-5-2-48****"State office"**

Sec. 48. "State office" refers to governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, superintendent of public instruction, attorney general, justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, and judge of the tax court.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.14-2004, SEC.3.*

**IC 3-5-2-48.5****"Testing authority"**

Sec. 48.5. "Testing authority" means an independent test authority or independent laboratory:

(1) as described in the Voting System Standards issued by the Federal Election Commission on April 30, 2002; or

(2) accredited under Section 231 of HAVA (42 U.S.C. 15371).

*As added by P.L.3-1997, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.126-2002, SEC.8; P.L.66-2003, SEC.2; P.L.221-2005, SEC.6.*

**IC 3-5-2-49****"Town"**

Sec. 49. "Town" refers to an incorporated town of any population. The term does not include cities.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.3-1995, SEC.7.*

**IC 3-5-2-49.3****"Uniformed services"**

Sec. 49.3. "Uniformed services" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

*As added by P.L.3-1997, SEC.15.*

**IC 3-5-2-49.6****"United States"**

Sec. 49.6. "United States", as used in section 34.5 of this chapter, means any of the states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

*As added by P.L.3-1997, SEC.16.*

**IC 3-5-2-49.8****"Vote center"**

Sec. 49.8. "Vote center" means a polling place where a voter who resides in the county in which the vote center is located may vote without regard to the precinct in which the voter resides.

*As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-49.9****Expired**

(Expired 12-31-2010 by P.L.108-2008, SEC.1.)

**IC 3-5-2-50**

**"Voter"**

Sec. 50. "Voter" means a person who is qualified and registered to vote in an election.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-50.1**

**"Voter identification number"**

Sec. 50.1. "Voter identification number" refers to the number determined for a voter under IC 3-7-13-13.

*As added by P.L.199-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 3-5-2-50.2**

**"Voter with disabilities"**

Sec. 50.2. "Voter with disabilities" means a voter who has a permanent or temporary physical disability, as set forth in 42 U.S.C. 1973ee-6(4).

*As added by P.L.4-1991, SEC.3.*

**IC 3-5-2-50.4**

**"Voter's bill of rights"**

Sec. 50.4. "Voter's bill of rights" refers to the statement prescribed by the commission under IC 3-5-8.

*As added by P.L.126-2002, SEC.9.*

**IC 3-5-2-50.6**

**Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.221-2005, SEC.145.)*

**IC 3-5-2-51**

**"Voting mark"**

Sec. 51. "Voting mark" means any of the following:

- (1) A cross mark or check mark (X or ✓) on a hand-counted paper ballot.
- (2) A shaded-in circle, oval, or square, or a connected arrow on an optical scan ballot card.
- (3) A highlighted area on a direct record electronic voting system.

*As added by P.L.6-1986, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.194-2013, SEC.2.*

**IC 3-5-2-52**

**"Voting method"**

Sec. 52. "Voting method" means the use of:

- (1) paper ballots;
- (2) ballot card voting systems;
- (3) electronic voting systems; or
- (4) any combination of these;

to register votes in a precinct.

*As added by P.L.3-1987, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.221-2005, SEC.7.*

**IC 3-5-2-53****"Voting system"**

Sec. 53. "Voting system" means, as provided in 42 U.S.C. 15481:

(1) the total combination of mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic equipment (including the software, firmware, and documentation required to program, control, and support that equipment) that is used:

(A) to define ballots;

(B) to cast and count votes;

(C) to report or display election results; and

(D) to maintain and produce any audit trail information; and

(2) the practices and associated documentation used:

(A) to identify system components and versions of those components;

(B) to test the system during its development and maintenance;

(C) to maintain records of system errors and defects;

(D) to determine specific system changes to be made to a system after the initial qualification of the system; and

(E) to make available any materials to the voter (such as notices, instructions, forms, or paper ballots).

*As added by P.L.4-1991, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.209-2003, SEC.3; P.L.164-2006, SEC.2.*

**IC 3-5-2-54****"Write-in candidate"**

Sec. 54. "Write-in candidate" means a candidate:

(1) who has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; and

(2) whose declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate has been accepted by the appropriate authority under IC 3-8-2-5 and IC 3-8-2-6.

*As added by P.L.4-1991, SEC.6.*