



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND WRITTEN CONSENT TO FILL A BALLOT VACANCY IN 2026

State Form 47005 (R17 / 7-25)

Indiana Election Division (IC 3-13-1-10.5, IC 3-13-1-14)

(CAN-31)

INSTRUCTIONS: A declaration of candidacy to fill a **ballot vacancy** must be filed no later than 72 hours before the caucus to fill the vacancy with the chair of the caucus and the official who receives the certificate of candidate selection under IC 3-13-1-15. For questions on where to file this form, contact the Indiana Election Division at 317-232-3939. Candidates for statewide, state legislative, and judicial office, including prosecuting attorney, must attach to this form a file-stamped copy of their statement of economic interests or a receipt showing their statement of economic interests has been filed.

TO THE ☐ Democratic Party or the ☐ Republican Party CHAIR, _____ COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA:

GENERAL INFORMATION

I, _____ the undersigned, certify the following:
Name of Candidate

(1) I am a registered voter of Precinct _____ of the Township of _____,
(or of Ward, if applicable, _____ of the City or Town of _____), County of _____,
State of Indiana.

(2) I give my written consent for you to certify my name to the appropriate election official under IC 3-13-1-15 to be placed on the official general election ballot of the **(check one)** ☐ Democratic Party **OR** the ☐ Republican Party for the office of _____, District _____ (if any)
Name of Office

to be voted on at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026, if I am chosen as the above-named party's candidate by its caucus or authorized committee under IC 3-13-1 (or if I am appointed as the party's candidate when no caucus is required to be held).

(3) If I am a candidate for selection by a caucus of precinct committeemen or the state committee of the political party, I am also filing a copy of this declaration with the **(check one)** ☐ Indiana Election Division or the ☐ Circuit Court Clerk of the above county at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the caucus or meeting of the state committee of the political party.

(4) (This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office.) I comply with all requirements under the laws of the State of Indiana to be a candidate for this office (including any applicable residency requirement), and I am not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit me from serving in this office.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

(5) My complete residence address is:

_____, IN (amend if other state) _____
Complete residence address must be included *City* *ZIP Code*

(6) My mailing address is::

Write address if mailing address is different from residence address; write "SAME" if both addresses are identical

_____, IN (amend if other state) _____
Mailing Address *City* *ZIP Code*

CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION

(7) I request that my name appear on the general election ballot in the following manner as described in IC 3-5-7:

First Designation	Second Designation	Third Designation	Fourth Designation	Suffix
This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's legal given name.The initial of the candidate's legal given name.The candidate's legal middle name.The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.The candidate's nickname.	This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's legal middle name.The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.The candidate's nickname.The candidate's legal surname.	If not used in the first or second designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's nickname.The candidate's legal surname	If not used in the third designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's nickname.The candidate's legal surname	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. or III <i>CANNOT be a title or degree such as MD, JD</i>

I also request that my name on my voter registration record be the same as the name on this declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-8-2-7(c))

If a candidate's name does not comply with IC 3-5-7, the declaration may be challenged under Indiana Code 3-8-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. EXAMPLE: John R. (Jack) Doe

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE OF FORM

CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

- (8) (*This paragraph does not apply to federal offices.*) By initialing, I acknowledge that, if required, I have attached a copy of the applicable statement of economic interest statement, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that this statement of economic interest has been filed. (**initial here**) _____
- (9) (*This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office or state legislative office*) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to file a surety bond before serving in office. (**initial here**) _____
- (10) (*This paragraph does not apply for candidates for federal office, state office, or state legislative office.*) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to complete training or have attained certification related to service in office. (**initial here**) _____
- (11) (*This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office.*) By initialing, I acknowledge that I am aware of the provisions of the Indiana Campaign Finance Act (IC 3-9) regarding campaign finance and the reporting of campaign finance contributions and expenditures and I agree to comply with IC 3-9. (**initial here**) _____
- (12) I have been a candidate for state, state legislative, or local office in a previous primary, municipal, special, or general election:
(**check one**) ☐ Yes ☐ No *If the answer to this question is no, skip paragraph 13 and proceed to paragraph 14.*
- (13) I have filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies: (**check one**) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (14) (*This paragraph only applies to a candidate for a local office, including judicial offices and prosecuting attorney, if the local office receives compensation of at least \$5,000 per year, or to a local office if the local office receives compensation of less than \$5,000 but the candidate raises or spends more than \$500.*) I have filed a campaign finance statement of organization for my principal candidate's committee with the appropriate county election board **OR** I am aware that I may be required to file the campaign finance statement of organization not later than noon, seven (7) days after the final date to file this declaration of candidacy. (**initial here**) _____

**I certify that the information in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and complete,
and that I meet the specific requirements of this office.**

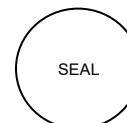
_____/_____/_____(_____)_____(_____)_____
Signature Date Signed (MM/DD/YYYY) Telephone (Day) Telephone (Evening)

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Candidate's email: _____ Campaign website: _____

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2026.



Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7

My Commission expires (*applies only to Notary Public*): _____ County of Residence: _____

CAMPAIGN FINANCE NOTICE

A candidate who fills a ballot vacancy thirty (30) days or more before the general election must file campaign finance reports in accordance with IC 3-9-5-8.5. A candidate who fills a ballot vacancy less than thirty (30) days before the general election must file campaign finance reports in accordance with IC 3-9-5-8.5 in addition to all other reports required by IC 3-9-5. A candidate's committee must file a pre-election campaign finance report no later than **NOON, October 16, 2026**, with the Indiana Election Division (if a candidate for a state legislative office) or with the appropriate county election board (if a candidate for a local office).

The candidate's committee must also file a pre-election supplemental report no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives and accepts any contribution of \$1,000 or more during the period beginning **October 10, 2026 and ending at 6:00 a.m. November 1, 2026**, with the Indiana Election Division or appropriate county election board. If no such contribution is received, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.

A person who fails to file a report with the Indiana Election Division or a county election board is subject to a civil penalty of \$50 for each day the report is late, with the afternoon of the final date for filing the report being calculated as the first day, for a maximum penalty of not more than \$1,000, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by the Election Division or county election board. **NOTE: State legislative candidates are required to file electronically with the Election Division.**

NOTE TO CANDIDATES FILLING A BALLOT VACANCY FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE:

A candidate's committee must file "quarterly" campaign finance reports with the Indiana Election Division, according to the following schedule. These filings must be made electronically and are subject to the same civil penalties set forth in the Campaign Finance Notice above. Contact the Campaign Finance Division of the Election Division for further information. The committee must file quarterly reports no later than noon, Indianapolis time:

- (1) April 15, 2026, covering the period from January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026.
- (2) July 15, 2026, covering the period from April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.
- (3) October 15, 2026, covering the period from July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.
- (4) October 27, 2026, covering the period from October 1, 2026, through October 19, 2026.
- (5) January 20, 2027, covering the period from October 20, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

The candidate's committee must also file supplemental reports with the Indiana Election Division no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives and accepts contributions from a person that total \$1,000 or more during the reporting periods listed below. If no such contribution is received and accepted, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.

- (1) Supplemental Reporting Period: April 1, 2026, through NOON April 15, 2026.
- (2) Supplemental Reporting Period: July 1, 2026, through NOON July 15, 2026.
- (3) Supplemental Reporting Period: October 1, 2026, through NOON October 15, 2026.
- (4) Supplemental Reporting Period: October 20, 2026, through NOON October 26, 2026.