



# DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE IN 2026

(CAN-3)

State Form 46438 (R24 / 6-25)

Indiana Election Division (IC 3-8-2-2.5; 3-8-2-4(b))

**INSTRUCTIONS:** A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the general election must be filed: (1) not earlier than **January 7, 2026**; and (2) not later than **NOON, July 6, 2026**. Please print or type all information on this form except all signatures. All declared write-in candidates for election to a LOCAL office (except for circuit, probate, superior, or town court judge, or prosecuting attorney) must file the CAN-12 form WITH this form. **SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM.**

STATE OF INDIANA )

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

## 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 (amend if other state).

(2) I am (check one box and enter name of any applicable party)

☐ an independent candidate (not affiliated with any party); **OR**

☐ affiliated with a party **OTHER THAN** the Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, or Republican Party, namely the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Party.

(3) I declare my intention to be a write-in candidate 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.

(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 residence requirements. I am not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit me from serving in this office.

(5) (This paragraph applies to a candidate for President or Vice-President of the United States.) I have attached a statement declaring the names of the individuals who have consented and are eligible to be my candidates for presidential electors.

## RESIDENCY INFORMATION

(6) My complete residence address is:

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

(7) 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

I request that my name be certified as a declared write-in candidate for 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"><li>The candidate's legal given name.</li><li>The initial of the candidate's legal given name.</li><li>The candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The candidate's nickname.</li></ul>	This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.</li><li>The candidate's nickname.</li><li>The candidate's legal surname.</li></ul>	If not used in the first or second designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The candidate's nickname.</li><li>The candidate's legal surname</li></ul>	If not used in the third designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The candidate's nickname.</li><li>The candidate's legal surname</li></ul>	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jr. or III</li></ul> <b>CANNOT be a title or degree such as MD, JD</b>

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 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 IC 3-9 regarding campaign finance and the reporting of campaign finance contributions and expenditures and agree to comply with the provision of 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 applies only to a candidate for a local office 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.**

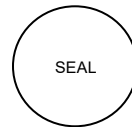
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

#### OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Candidate's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ 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's committee of a write-in candidate must file a campaign finance report no later than NOON, July 27, 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).
- 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. on November 1, 2026, with the Indiana Election Division or appropriate county election board. If no such contribution is received and accepted, 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 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.