



**ALLEN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
VANDERBURGH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
VANDERBURGH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY IN 2026**

**(CAN-41)**

State Form 48517 (R14 / 7-25)  
Indiana Election Division (IC 33-33-2-8; IC 33-33-82-31)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This form is used by an individual who is seeking election to the superior court in Allen or Vanderburgh County or circuit court judge in Vanderburgh County. A declaration of candidacy must be filed with the Indiana Election Division no earlier than January 7, 2026 and no later than NOON, February 6, 2026. Please print or type all information on this form except all signatures. **SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM.** Candidates for circuit, probate, or superior court judge must file WITH this form a receipt indicating their statement of economic interests has been filed with the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications.

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF (check one) ☐ ALLEN ☐ VANDERBURGH )

**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 request that you place my name be placed on the official general election ballot for the office of **(check one)**:  
☐ Allen County Superior Court; the ☐ Vanderburgh County Superior Court or the ☐ Vanderburgh County Circuit Court  
Division and Court Number \_\_\_\_\_  
to be voted on at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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

**RESIDENCY INFORMATION**

(4) My complete residence address is:

\_\_\_\_\_, IN \_\_\_\_\_  
*Complete residence address must be included* *City* *ZIP Code*

(5) My mailing address is:

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

\_\_\_\_\_, IN \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mailing address* *City* *ZIP Code*

**CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION**

(6) I request that my name appear on the primary 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> <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

- (7) 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)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to file a surety bond before serving in office. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to complete training or have attained certification related to service in office. **(initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) 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)** \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) 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 12 and proceed to paragraph 13.*
- (12) I have filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies: **(check one)** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (13) 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's committee must file a pre-election campaign finance report no later than **NOON, Friday, October 16, 2026**, with the appropriate county election board.

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 contributions from a person that total \$1,000 or more during the period beginning **October 10, 2026, and ending at 6:00 am on November 1, 2026**, with the 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 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 county election board.