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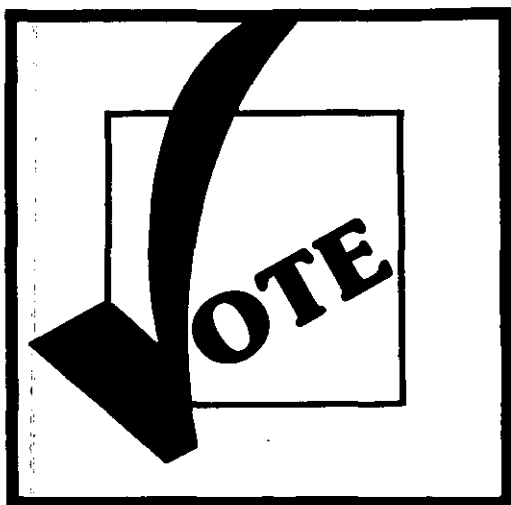
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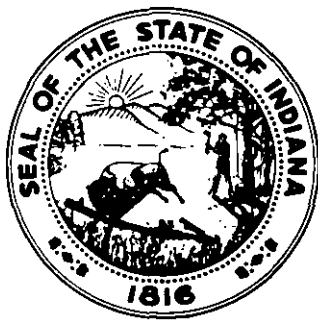
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# **PARTICIPATE IN '88**

## **A GUIDE TO VOTING IN INDIANA**



**From the Office of  
Secretary of State  
Evan Bayh**



**Dear Fellow Hoosiers:**

**The right to vote is precious. One does not have to look far to see countries where people give their lives in the struggle for free elections — elections which are, sadly, taken for granted by many Americans.**

**Whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the government that touches your life every day, an election is a time for your voice to be heard through your act of voting.**

**Even in this great country, voting was not always a privilege all citizens enjoyed. In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteed all citizens the right to vote, regardless of race or color. In 1920, the 19th Amendment gave women that same right. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 ensured that all citizens could exercise their rights unobstructed, and in 1971 the 26th Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.**

**This year, there are many issues and candidates for voters to consider. This voting guide was developed to inform you of voting procedures and the offices and questions appearing on the ballot. Please read it. And if you have not already, register to vote.**

**A special note to 18-year-olds or those who will be 18 by November 8: This is an exciting year to vote for the first time. The decisions you make now about your government will affect you and your family for years to come.**

**Best regards,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan Bayh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke for the "E" and a large, sweeping "B".

**Evan Bayh**

## **1988 Election Dates**

The primary election is on Tuesday, May 3.

The general election is on Tuesday, November 8.

### **Federal and State Offices and Propositions on the Ballot**

#### **Federal:**

President

Vice President

Senator

Representatives (10 — you will vote for only one.)

#### **State:**

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Senators (25 — you will vote for only one.)

Representatives (100 — you may vote for as many as three, depending on the legislative district you live in.)

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Attorney General

Some Superior, Circuit, and other County Judges

Some County and Local Officials

The retention of two Indiana supreme court justices and the tax court judge also are on the ballot. Voters do not decide who will be appointed to these courts, only whether the justices and judge should be retained in office.

In addition, this year voters will decide on three propositions which could change Indiana's constitution:

1. Repeal the ban on lotteries?
2. Remove the two-term limit on county officeholders?
3. Restrict the number of criminal cases that can be appealed directly to the Indiana Supreme Court?

### **Who May Vote**

You may vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen.
- Eighteen years old on or before November 8.  
(You may vote in the primary election, even if you will not be 18 until November 8.)
- A resident of your precinct (geographic voting area) for 30 days immediately prior to the election.  
(For an exception to this requirement contact your circuit court clerk.)
- Properly registered.

## **How To Register**

The clerk of the circuit court in each county is that county's voter registration officer, except in counties with populations of more than 100,000. In these counties, there are boards of registration. See the listings in this pamphlet for the telephone numbers of either the clerk or board of registration.

You may register at the clerk's office or board of registration, or be registered by a deputy registrar anywhere in your county. Deputy registrars usually are appointed by the respective political parties to conduct field registration.

The clerk's office or board of registration is the best source of election information for your particular county and precinct.

## **When To Register**

**Registration to vote in a primary election:**

To vote in a primary election, you must register between the first business day of December and the 29th day before the election, which this year is April 4.

**Registration to vote in a general election:**

Voter registration resumes on May 15th and continues through the 29th day before the election, which this year is October 3.

## **How Long The Registration Is Valid**

Your registration is valid unless:

- You move. If you move you must transfer your registration to reflect your correct address and precinct.
- You change names. If your name changes, you may file a name change with the clerk or registration board prior to the election or you may declare your name change at the poll before receiving your ballot.
- You have not voted in a 24-month period. If you have not voted in a 24-month period before an election, your registration may be cancelled; and you need to re-register.

## **Declaration of Party Affiliation**

In Indiana, you do not have to declare a party affiliation when you register to vote.

## **Polling Locations**

Each precinct has a designated polling place. Check with the clerk's office or board of registration for the location. Newspapers usually publish polling sites shortly before election day.

## **Voting, Step By Step**

**Before voting, you must sign the official poll book. This verification ensures that you are properly registered and voting in the correct precinct.**

**At some polls, you will use a lever-type voting machine. Upon entering the booth, there will be a big lever directly in front of you. Pull it to the right. This will cause a bell to ring and the curtain to close behind you. The machine is now ready to record your vote. There is a panel in front of you with the offices, names of candidates, judges up for retention and the propositions printed on it. Below the names are rows of small levers.**

**You may either pull a party lever, which registers a vote for all candidates of that party or pull the small levers that correspond to your candidate choices. Note: Pulling the party lever does not register a vote on the retention or on the proposition issues. You must indicate your choice on each of these by pulling a lever. When you have finished, pull the lever to the left. This registers your vote, clears the machine, and opens the curtain.**

**Other methods of voting include punch card, where you punch holes in a computer card to indicate your choices; electronic voting, where you press buttons on a machine to indicate your choices; and paper ballot, where you make a mark in a circle or a square to indicate your choices.**

### **If You Need Help**

**If you have a physical disability or can't read English, inform the officials at the poll. Either a person you have chosen or two poll officials from different parties may then accompany you into the booth to assist you in voting.**

### **Absentee Voting**

**Absentee voting allows people to vote who on election day:**

- **Will not be in their precinct**
- **Are serving as election officials in a different precinct**
- **Are handicapped and vote in a precinct that is not accessible**
- **Are confined because of illness or injury**
- **Are taking care of a confined person**

**You may apply for an absentee ballot by mail or in person at the clerk's office or election board no earlier than 90 days prior to the election. The deadline for absentee voting depends on the circumstances. Your ballot will be held in the clerk's or board of registration's office until election day. On election day, it will be sent to your precinct for counting.**

### **Time Off Work To Vote**

**Indiana law states that manufacturing, mechanical, mining and sales establishments must grant time off work to employees for voting. Check with your employer for a mutually agreeable time if you cannot vote before or after work. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. People who are waiting to vote at the time the polls close will be permitted to vote.**

If you have any questions, contact your circuit court clerk's office or board of registration.

County	Telephone Number	County	Telephone Number
Adams	219-724-2600	Lawrence	812-275-7543
Allen	219-428-7154*	Madison	317-641-9657*
Bartholomew	812-379-1600	Marion	317-236-4740
Benton	317-884-0930	Marshall	219-936-3520
Blackford	317-348-1130	Martin	812-247-3651
Boone	317-482-3510	Miami	317-472-3901
Brown	812-988-4796	Monroe	812-333-3600
Carroll	317-564-4485	Montgomery	317-362-0002
Cass	219-722-5050	Morgan	317-342-1025
Clark	812-283-4451	Newton	219-474-6081
Clay	812-448-8727	Noble	219-636-2736
Clinton	317-659-1891	Ohio	812-438-2610
Crawford	812-338-2565	Orange	812-723-2649
Daviess	812-254-1090	Owen	812-829-2325
Dearborn	812-537-1040	Parker	317-569-5132
Decatur	812-663-8223	Perry	812-547-3741
DeKalb	219-925-0912	Pike	812-354-6025
Delaware	317-747-7812*	Porter	219-465-3485*
Dubois	812-482-5445	Posey	812-838-1306
Elkhart	219-534-3541	Pulaski	219-946-3313
Fayette	317-825-1813	Putnam	317-653-2648
Floyd	812-948-5411	Randolph	317-584-7070
Fountain	317-793-2192	Ripley	812-689-6115
Franklin	317-647-5111	Rush	317-932-2086
Fulton	219-223-2911	St. Joseph	219-284-9521*
Gibson	812-386-8401	Scott	812-752-4769
Grant	317-668-8121	Shelby	317-392-6320
Greene	812-384-8532	Spencer	812-649-4916
Hamilton	317-776-9629	Starke	219-772-9161
Hancock	317-462-1109	Steuben	219-665-2361
Harrison	812-738-4289	Sullivan	812-268-4657
Hendricks	317-745-9230	Switzerland	812-427-3175
Henry	317-529-6401	Tippecanoe	317-423-9303*
Howard	317-456-2204	Tipton	317-675-2795
Huntington	219-356-7618	Union	317-458-6121
Jackson	812-358-6116	Vanderburgh	812-426-5222*
Jasper	219-866-4681	Vermillion	317-492-3500
Jay	219-726-4951	Vigo	812-238-8393*
Jefferson	812-265-8921	Wabash	219-563-0661
Jennings	812-346-5977	Warren	317-762-3510
Johnson	317-736-3709	Warrick	812-897-3590
Knox	812-885-8521	Washington	812-883-5748
Kosciusko	219-267-4444	Wayne	317-966-7541
LaGrange	219-463-3442	Wells	219-824-2320
Lake	219-795-3795*	White	219-583-7032
LaPorte	219-326-6808	Whitley	219-248-3102

(\*Indicates voter registration board.)



**Remember  
Vote  
Tuesday  
Nov. 8, 1988**