

PREPARE TO VOTE IN YOUR PRIMARY

HOW PRIMARY VOTING WORKS WITH POLITICAL PARTIES (DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN):

- In Indiana "in order to participate in a party's primary, a voter must have either voted for a majority of that party's nominees in the last general election or must intend to vote for a majority of the party's nominees in the upcoming general election. According to FairVote, which classifies Indiana as an open primary state, this provision of the law is unenforceable due to the nature of secret balloting."
(Indiana Code, "Section 3-10-1-6," accessed on Ballotpedia, April 2023)
- **The upcoming election on May 5, 2026, with early voting starting April 7,** is a primary, meaning each voter will be asked to vote for a candidate to advance to the general election from one of the parties on the ballot they choose.
- **Each voter will have to identify the party they want to select from when they arrive at the polls, but the voter doesn't have to declare that party before arriving. There is no enforceable rule that requires voting for the chosen party in a previous or upcoming election.**
- **Each voter will then only see their identified party's candidates when voting in the primary.**

KEEP IN MIND WHEN PLANNING TO VOTE

- **Do your research on the candidates** using this guide and also looking into candidate websites, social media pages and even emailing or calling them with questions, concerns and comments you have as a concerned citizen.
- **Choose 1-3 elected offices to research and vote for** if you feel overwhelmed about researching all of the candidates. There is no rule that you have to research and vote for every single office.
- **Take your candidate list of who you plan to vote for to the ballot box.** This could be written down on a piece of paper or noted on your phone. Websites like ballotready.org allow you to create your list and print it off.

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