

Early Voting

In-Person

From 30 days prior to the election until noon on the day before the election, individuals can vote in person at the City-County Building. Call 327-5100 for the hours.

By Mail (Absentee Voting)

Request an absentee ballot application from the Marion County Election Board beginning 90 days before an election. When the completed application is received, a ballot will be mailed to you. Completed (i.e. voted) ballots must arrive at the Marion County Election Board by noon on Monday before the election.

Conditions for Absentee Voting

You may vote absentee by mail if you are registered but expect to be absent from the county on Election Day, or if you are unable to get to the polls because you:

- Are confined or serving as caretaker for a confined person
- Are handicapped
- Are 65 years or older
- Are scheduled to perform election day duties in a precinct other than your own

Democracy is not a spectator sport.

Register and Vote!

Learn more about the LWV-Indianapolis at www.lwvindy.org or contact the LWV at LWVIndy@sbcglobal.net or (317) 767-4187.

Kinds of Election

General

The general election happens the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Qualified candidates from all parties will be listed on the ballot. Referenda questions also may be there.

Primary

The primary election happens the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Indiana holds closed primaries. Thus, when you sign in at the polling place, the clerks will ask which political party's ballot you want. You may vote only for the candidates on that ballot, including:

- Candidates who will represent the party in the general election.
- Party officials, such as precinct committee persons or delegates to state political party conventions.

Nonpartisan

School board members are elected on nonpartisan ballots during the primary election. Voters must be 18 to participate. Persons voting only in the nonpartisan election need not declare a political party affiliation.

Useful Contact Information

Marion County

Board of Voter Registration	327-5040
Election Board Hotline	327-5100
Democratic Party	637-3366
Republican Party	635-8881
LWV of Indianapolis (VM)	767-4187

Indiana

Election Board	232-3939
Voter Information Portal	www.indianavoters.com



Voting in Marion County 2010

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To Register

*You **MUST** be registered to vote.*

You may register to vote if you are a U.S. citizen who will be 18 by Election Day and:

- Have lived in the voting precinct 30 days before the election (even if staying in a shelter or a non-traditional residence, such as an RV)
- Are not incarcerated
- Present a suitable personal ID, plus either an Indiana driver's license or the final four digits of your Social Security number.

Note:

- No one else may register for you, although they may assist you in completing the form.
- You do not declare a party affiliation when you register.
- To record your name or address change, use the same registration application form.
- College students living at school may register and vote at school or at home.
- You must re-register if you have moved or changed your name.

When?

- Register until 29 days before an election.

Where?

Get a Voter Registration Application

1. At the Marion County Board of Voter of Registration (BVR)
2. At a Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch
3. At a Township Trustee's office
4. At an IMCPL branch library
5. At a voter registration drive

Helpers will receive your completed form and submit it, unless you choose to mail or deliver it to the:
Marion County Board of Voter Registration
W131 City-County Building
200 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Online Voter Registration

Another option is to register online by using Indiana's Voter Information Portal at www.indianavoters.com.

Affidavits of Voter Transfer

A registered voter who moves to a new Indiana precinct within 30 days of an election may complete an *Affidavit of Request for Transfer of Voter Registration*, either at the Marion County BVR or at the old precinct, where s/he may vote one last time.

To Vote

The Precinct Polling Place

Indiana polls are open from 6a.m. to 6p.m. If you are not sure where to vote, call the BVR at [327-5040](tel:327-5040) or the local headquarters of your political party (see back), or check the Voter Information Portal at www.indianavoters.com. Polling sites must be accessible to persons with disabilities.

Voter ID Requirement

At the polling place, each voter must present a current photo ID with four features:

1. A name that conforms to the voter's name in the poll book
2. An expiration date no later than the last general election
3. Be issued by the State of Indiana or U.S. Government
4. A picture of the voter

Correction of Voting Errors

If you make a mistake voting, do not attempt to change or erase it. Just ask for a new ballot.

Procedural Questions

If you need voting instructions, ask the precinct judges (one Republican and one Democrat) to explain the process

Assistance with Voting

If you need assistance to vote, you may designate a helper. That person may not be your employer or union official and must fill out an *Affidavit of Voting Assistance* beforehand. If you prefer, the precinct judges will assist you.

Write-In Voting (Absentee or In-Person)

If the precinct ballot does not furnish space for a declared write-in candidate, and you wish to write in that candidate's name, then request a write-in ballot from an election official before signing the poll list.

Challenges

Anyone challenging your right to vote must declare the reason in a written affidavit. You still may vote after completing a *Counter-Challenge Affidavit*, affirming that the stated reason is incorrect.

Name Missing & Provisional Ballots

If you are registered but your name is not on the poll list, either ask the inspector to call the BVR for verification and then to issue you a *Certificate of Error* (which will allow you to vote), or else request a provisional ballot. Note, however, that provisional ballots are not counted on Election Day. **To have your provisional vote counted, you must take a valid ID to the County Clerk's office within 10 days of the Election.**