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DEADLINE
OCTOBER 5, 2026

The Arc of Indiana and Self-Advocates of Indiana created the 2026 Voters Guide to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), families, caregivers, and providers participate in this year's elections.

As a nonpartisan organization, The Arc of Indiana does not endorse political parties or candidates. Our goal is to give you information and tools to understand the voting process, learn about your choices, and consider where candidates stand on issues important to you and the disability community.

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In preparing this guide, we reached out to candidates for Indiana's U.S. House seats and Secretary of State to ask about issues affecting people with disabilities and their families.

Read candidate responses at:
arcind.org/2026-election-guide

The following are questions on major topic areas of concern that you may choose to ask your federal candidates:

- ? What do you believe is the federal government's role in ensuring people with IDD have opportunities for independence to live the lives they envision?
- ? What ideas do you have to ensure that Medicaid remains a strong, viable program to provide critical support to people with IDD?
- ? What ideas do you have to resolve the issue of not enough affordable, accessible, and safe housing for people with IDD?
- ? People with disabilities depend on direct support professionals (DSPs) to live full and independent lives. There is currently a nationwide DSP shortage, which means that people with disabilities are having trouble accessing the care and support they need. What would you do to address this crisis?
- ? Some people with disabilities rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. People who receive SSI are bound by an asset limit of \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for married couples. These limits have not been updated since 1989. What would you do to update and increase these limits?

REMINDER

YOUR VOTE BELONGS TO YOU!

No one may tell you who you have to vote for or force you to vote a certain way.

Not even a family member, guardian, support staff, service provider, or friend.

**OUR VOTE HAS
POWER**

REGISTER TODAY!



Following are questions on major topic areas of concern that you may choose to ask candidates for state office:

- ? How will you address the state Medicaid budget to ensure funding is available for critical home and community-based supports (HCBS) that medically complex children and adults, and people with IDD of all ages, depend on to live a full life in their communities?
- ? How will you increase the number of post-secondary opportunities available to people with IDD?
- ? What will you do to increase opportunities for Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) for people with IDD?
- ? How will you increase transportation opportunities available for people with disabilities?
- ? How will you support and champion alternatives to guardianship?
- ? What actions would you take to ensure safe, affordable, and accessible housing for marginalized groups?

KNOW YOUR **RIGHTS**

VOTING WITH A DISABILITY

Each polling place in Indiana must have at least one accessible voting machine and each location must be physically accessible.

If you have a disability (permanent or temporary) and need assistance to vote, you can request assistance before entering the voting booth.

Voters who require assistance may designate a relative or friend to assist them at the polling place or receive assistance from a pair of certified poll workers.

Poll workers must make reasonable accommodations to help you vote.

Election officials must provide you with help if it's possible for them to do so.

No voter may be denied the right to vote because of a mental, physical, or sensory limitation, regardless of whether a worker thinks they are not 'qualified' to vote.

October 5 **Register at indianavoters.com**

Deadline to register to vote or to transfer your registration to a new address.

October 6

First day a voter may vote early at the county clerk's office or local voting center.

October 15

First day to vote absentee before a member of the absentee voter board, **if you are:**

- A voter with a disability who is confined to their residence
- or**
- A person caring for a confined person

October 22 (11:59 PM)

Deadline for the county clerk to receive an absentee ballot application.

An application may be submitted in person, by mail, fax, or online at indianavoters.com

Deadline for any voter requesting an accessible absentee ballot through the ABS-VPD process.

November 2 **DEADLINES**

Noon Deadline for the county clerk to receive an **absentee ballot** application from **confined voters or voters caring for a confined person** requesting delivery of a ballot by absentee voter board.

Noon Deadline for any voter to **vote an absentee ballot** at the county clerk's office or other location.



HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE

Apply to vote absentee at: indianavoters.in.gov.

If you do not have access to the internet, call 866-INIVOTE (866-461-8683).

If you are voting by absentee ballot, apply for your ballot and then return it ASAP.

When voters apply for an absentee ballot, they must provide **EITHER** a photocopy of an identification card that complies with the state's photo ID law, for example, an Indiana driver's license or Indiana identification card, **OR** one or more of the following identification numbers:

- ✓ The voter's Indiana driver's license number or Indiana identification card number
- ✓ The voter's unique voter ID number assigned to their voter registration record in SVRS
- ✓ The last four digits of the voter's Social Security number.

Note: if you are providing only an identification number and not a photo ID, it is recommended that you provide more than one. For example, send the voter's Indiana identification card number and your unique voter ID number.

Absentee Voting by Mail

Applications to vote absentee by mail must be received by the county election board by October 22.

Absentee ballots must be received at the county election board by 6 p.m. on Election Day, November 3.

Absentee Voting at Home

Voters can vote "absentee-by-traveling board" if on Election Day they:

- ✓ Expect to be confined due to illness or injury
- ✓ Expect to be caring for a person who is confined at a private residence
- ✓ Are disabled and believe their polling place is not accessible.

To arrange this, contact your county election board to **make this request by noon on November 2, 2026.**

EARLY IN PERSON VOTING

All registered voters in Indiana are eligible to vote "absentee in-person" (also called "Early Voting") at their county election board office or local voting center beginning Tuesday, October 6, and ending Monday, November 2 at 12:00 p.m.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Indiana law requires that voters show a government-issued photo ID with an expiration date when they go to the polls to vote.

Accepted IDENTIFICATION

- ✓ Indiana driver's license
- ✓ Indiana photo ID card
- ✓ U.S. passport
- ✓ U.S. military or Veteran ID

If you do not have an acceptable photo ID, the Indiana BMV can provide a free identification card for voting purposes.

Accessibility is your RIGHT

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires that at least one accessible voting machine be placed in each polling place in addition to making the facility physically accessible.

If you have a complaint about accessibility at your polling location, call the Hoosier Voter Hotline to report the issue at: 866-INI-VOTE (866-461-8683).

You can also call Indiana Disability Rights at 800-622-4845.

**BUILD THE POWER
OF THE DISABILITY
✓VOTE**

INDIANA CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

Indiana voters will elect one candidate to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives from each of the state's nine congressional districts.

2026 CANDIDATES

District 1

Frank Mrvan (D)* •
Barb Regnitz (R)

District 2

Jamee Decio (D) •
Rudy Yakym (R)* •
William Henry (L)

District 3

Kelly Thompson (D) •
Marlin Stutzman (R)*

District 4

Drew Cox (D)
Jim Baird (R)*

District 5

J.D. Ford (D)
Victoria Spartz (R)*

District 6

Cynthia Wirth (D) •
Jefferson Shreve (R)*

District 7

André Carson (D)* •
Patrick McAuley (R)
James Sceniak (L)

District 8

Mary Allen (D) •
Mark Messmer (R)*

District 9

Brad Meyer (D) •
Eric Houchin (R)* •
Tonya Hudson (L) •

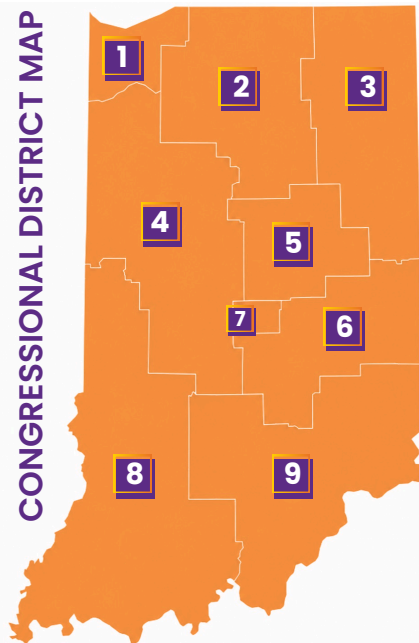
SECRETARY OF STATE

Greg Ballard (LIN)
Max Engling (R) •
Beau Bayh (D)
Lauri Shillings (L) •

Notes:

- *Incumbent
- Responded to survey at time of publication

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAP



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CANDIDATES

In preparing this Voters Guide, we reached out to each of Indiana's U.S. House and Secretary of State candidates to learn about their positions on important questions affecting the future of disability rights and services.

As candidates respond, we are publishing their responses at arcind.org/2026-election-guide

Another great way to learn about your candidates is to visit ballotpedia.org/Indiana. Ballotpedia is the nation's premier resource for unbiased, nonpartisan information on elections, politics, and policy.

Other Helpful Voter RESOURCES

The Arc of Indiana
arcind.org/our-programs/public-policy-advocacy

The Arc of the United States
thearc.org/vote

Indiana Voter Portal
bit.ly/Vote_Indiana

Indiana Disability Rights
hoosievote.org

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!

- ✓ Register to vote if you have not already.
- ✓ Check the status of your voter registration and make any updates to your information.
- ✓ Make sure you have a valid ID.
- ✓ Decide if you will be voting by absentee ballot or on Election Day.
- ✓ Arrange transportation or apply for your absentee ballot.
- ✓ Go to the polls or return your ballot to your county clerk's office.
 - Vote for the people who you believe will make the best choices for your community, state, and country.
- ✓ Encourage your friends and family to vote too.

YOUR VOTE HAS POWER. PLEDGE TO VOTE TODAY!

Your vote helps choose the people who make laws, set priorities, and decide how public dollars are spent.

The people who get picked to run the government have a big impact on the lives of ALL Hoosiers, but especially the lives of people with disabilities and their families—SO GO VOTE!



Scan here to access your
Indiana Voter Portal
Register to Vote
Update your Address
Find your Polling Place
and More