### HOUSE BILL No. 1264

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-5-3-1; IC 3-7; IC 3-11-4-18.

Synopsis: Election security. Provides that a political subdivision that conducts or administers an election may not join the membership of, participate in a program offered by, or purchase a service from a person who meets a specified description. Specifies proof of residency requirements that apply to certain individuals who register to vote in person at a registration agency. Requires the statewide voter registration system (SVRS) to contain a feature that identifies voter registration system (s vis) to contain a relative that identifies voter registrations that list a potential nonresidential address. Specifies a process that a county voter registration official must follow if this feature identifies a voter registration that lists a potential nonresidential address. Allows the secretary of state to contract with a company to receive commercially available data. Requires the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) official or a contractor to use this information to identify a voter whose residence may have changed. Requires the election division to compare residential addresses received from agencies to the residential addresses in the SVRS. Requires the NVRA official to compare the SVRS with the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program data base. Specifies a process that must be followed if evidence exists that a registered voter is not a citizen of the United States. Requires the state to provide to each county voter registration office information concerning a voter who is disqualified or potentially disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service because the voter is not a United States citizen. Specifies the actions a county voter registration office must take concerning certain juror information.

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# HOUSE BILL No. 1264

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 3-5-3-1, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL
2	CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS
3	AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]:
4	Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in sections 7 through 10 of this chapter,
5	the county auditor shall pay the expenses of voter registration and for
6	all election supplies, equipment, and expenses out of the county
7	treasury in the manner provided by law. The county fiscal body shall
8	make the necessary appropriations for these purposes.
9	(b) The county executive shall pay to the circuit court clerk or board
10	of registration the expenses of:
11	(1) removing voters from the registration record under IC 3-7-43,
12	IC 3-7-45, or IC 3-7-46; and
13	(2) performing voter list maintenance programs under IC 3-7;
14	out of the county treasury without appropriation.
15	(c) Registration expenses incurred by a circuit court clerk or board
16	of registration for:
17	(1) the salaries of members of a board of registration appointed



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1 under IC 3-7-12-9; 2 (2) the salaries of chief clerks appointed under IC 3-7-12-17; and 3 (3) the salaries of assistants employed under IC 3-7-12-19; 4 may not be charged to a municipality. However, the municipality may 5 be charged for wages of extra persons employed to provide additional 6 assistance reasonably related to the municipal election. 7 (d) A political subdivision that conducts or administers an election 8 may not: 9 (1) accept private money donations; or 10 (2) receive funds or expend funds received; from a person for preparing, administering, or conducting elections or 11 12 employing individuals on a temporary basis for the purpose of 13 preparing, administering, or conducting elections, including registering 14 voters. This subsection does not prohibit a political subdivision from 15 receiving or expending funds from the state or from the federal 16 government to prepare for, administer, or conduct an election. 17 (e) A political subdivision that conducts or administers an 18 election may not join the membership of, participate in a program 19 offered by, or purchase a service from a person who has directly or 20 indirectly financed: 21 (1) preparing, administrating, or conducting elections; or 22 (2) employing individuals on a temporary basis for the 23 purpose of preparing, administering, or conducting elections, 24 including registering voters. 25 For purposes of this subsection, a person does not include the state 26 or federal government. 27 SECTION 2. IC 3-7-13-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE 28 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 29 1, 2024]: Sec. 14. (a) The requirements of this section: 30 (1) apply to an individual who has not previously voted in: 31 (A) a general election in Indiana (or a special election for 32 federal office in Indiana); or 33 (B) a general election (or a special election for federal 34 office) in the county where the individual has submitted a 35 registration application if the application was received by 36 the county voter registration office after December 31, 37 2002, and before January 1, 2006; and 38 (2) do not apply to an individual who submits with the 39 individual's application the: 40 (1) individual's Indiana driver's license number; or 41 (2) last four (4) digits of the individual's Social Security 42 number;

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1 and the county voter registration office or election division 2 matches the information submitted by the applicant with an 3 existing Indiana identification record bearing the same 4 identification number, name, and date of birth set forth in the 5 voter registration application. 6 (b) Subject to subsection (c), an individual who applies to 7 register to vote in person at a registration agency shall present with 8 the individual's application: 9 (1) a current and valid photo identification; or 10 (2) a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document; 11 12 that shows the name and residence address of the voter stated on 13 the voter registration application. 14 (c) The requirements of this section must be administered in a 15 uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. 16 SECTION 3. IC 3-7-33-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.278-2019, 17 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 18 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) When the county voter registration office 19 receives an application for a new registration or an application with 20 information that revises or adds information to the applicant's current 21 voter registration record, the county voter registration office shall 22 determine if the applicant appears to be eligible to register to vote 23 based on the information in the application. 24 (b) This subsection does not apply to a voter who indicates: 25 (1) under IC 3-7-39-7 or on an absentee application submitted 26 under IC 3-11-4 that the voter has changed the voter's residence 27 to an address within the same precinct where the voter's former 28 address was located; or 29 (2) under IC 3-7-41 or an absentee application submitted under 30 IC 3-11-4 that the voter has changed the voter's name. 31 As required under 52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(2), the county voter registration 32 office shall send a notice to each person from whom the county voter 33 registration office receives a voter registration application. The county 34 voter registration office shall send a notice to the applicant at the 35 mailing address provided in the application. 36 (c) The notice required by subsection (b) must set forth the 37 following: 38 (1) A statement that the application has been received. 39 (2) The disposition of the application by the county voter 40 registration office. 41 (3) If the county voter registration office determines that the 42 applicant appears to be eligible, the notice must state the



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1	following:
2	(A) Except as provided under subsection subsections (g) and
3	(1), the applicant is registered to vote under the residence
4	address when the applicant receives the notice. An applicant
5	is presumed to have received the notice unless the notice is
6	returned by the United States Postal Service due to an
7	unknown or insufficient address and received by the county
8	voter registration office not later than seven (7) days after the
9	notice is mailed to the applicant.
10	(B) The name of the precinct in which the voter is registered.
11	(C) The address of the polling place for the precinct in which
12	the voter is registered.
13	(4) If the county voter registration office determines that the
14	applicant appears to be eligible, but also determines that the
15	applicant has not complied with the proof of residence
16	requirements under IC 3-7-13-14, the notice must include the
17	following:
18	(A) A list of documents that the applicant may submit to
19	comply with the requirements under IC 3-7-13-14.
20	(B) A statement that the applicant may submit a document
21	under clause (A) to the county voter registration office in
22	person or by mail.
23	(4) (5) In accordance with 52 U.S.C. 20302(d), if the county voter
24	registration office has denied the application, the notice must
25	include the reasons for the denial.
26	(d) The notice required by subsection (b) may not include a voter
27	identification number.
28	(e) The notice required by subsection (b) may include a voter
29	registration card.
30	(f) If the notice is returned by the United States Postal Service due
31	to an unknown or insufficient address, the county voter registration
32	office shall determine that the applicant is ineligible and deny the
33	application.
34	(g) This subsection does not apply if the notice mailed under this
35	section includes the information described in subsection (c)(4).
36	During the seven (7) days following the mailing of the notice to the
37	voter under this section, the county voter registration office shall
38	indicate in the computerized list maintained under IC 3-7-26.3 that the
39	application is pending. If the notice:
40	(1) is not returned by the United States Postal Service and
41	received by the county voter registration office at; or
42	(2) is received by the applicant by United States Postal Service



delivery and presented in person by the applicant to the county 1 2 voter registration office before; 3 the expiration of the seven (7) day period under subsection (c), the 4 county voter registration office shall indicate in the computerized list 5 that the applicant is a registered voter at the address set forth by the 6 applicant as the applicant's current address. 7 (h) If: 8 (1) the application for a new registration or an application with 9 information that revises or adds information to the applicant's current registration record states that the applicant formerly 10 resided or was registered at an address outside the precinct where 11 the address set forth in the application is located; and 12 13 (2) the application is denied by the county voter registration office 14 under subsection (f); 15 the county voter registration office shall cancel any registration record of the voter at the address which the applicant stated is no longer the 16 17 legal residence of the applicant. If a registration record is canceled under this subsection, the voter may nonetheless vote a regular official 18 19 ballot at the previous address if the voter makes an oral or written 20 affirmation under IC 3-7-48-5(b) that the voter continues to reside at 21 the previous address. 22 (i) If the county voter registration office cancels a voter's registration 23 record at an address that the applicant has stated is no longer the legal 24 residence of the applicant under subsection (h), the county voter 25 registration office shall send the voter a notice prescribed by the 26 election division and generated from the computerized list maintained 27 under IC 3-7-26.3 by forwardable mail to the voter's residence address that was canceled. The notice must state the following: 28 29 (1) That the voter's registration application was denied under 30 subsection (f). 31 (2) That the voter's registration record at the address that the 32 applicant has stated is no longer the legal residence of the 33 applicant has been canceled under subsection (h). 34 (3) That if the voter wants to register to vote at the voter's current 35 residence address, the voter must complete and submit a new application before the end of the next registration period 36 described in IC 3-7-13-10. 37 38 A voter registration application must be sent with the notice required 39 under this subsection. 40 (j) This subsection applies if the notice is mailed by the county voter 41 registration office after the certified list is prepared under IC 3-7-29. If: 42 (1) the seven (7) day period under subsection (c) expires before



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1	election day;
2	(2) the applicant has not presented the notice mailed under
3	subsection (b) to the county voter registration office as provided
4	under subsection (g); and
5	(3) the applicant would otherwise have been included on the
6	certified list;
7	the county voter registration office shall prepare a certificate of error
8	under IC 3-7-48 to note the addition of the voter to the certified list.
9	(k) This subsection does not apply if the notice mailed under this
10	section includes the information described in subsection (c)(4). This
11	subsection applies if the notice is mailed by the county voter
12	registration office after the certified list is prepared under IC 3-7-29. If:
13	(1) the seven (7) day period has not expired before election day;
14	and
15	(2) the applicant has not presented the notice mailed under
16	subsection (b) to the county voter registration office as provided
17	under subsection (g);
18	the county voter registration office shall notify the county election
19	board. The county election board shall certify to the inspector of the
20	precinct where the applicant resides that the applicant's voter
21	registration application is pending, and that the voter, subject to
22	fulfilling the requirements of IC 3-11.7, is entitled to cast a provisional
23	ballot.
24	(l) The following apply if the notice mailed under this section
25	includes the information described in subsection (c)(4):
26	(1) At the time the notice is mailed, the county voter
27	registration office shall indicate in the computerized list that
28	the application is pending.
29	(2) Subject to subsection (f), if:
30	(A) the county voter registration office finds that the
31	applicant has complied with the proof of residence
32	requirements under IC 3-7-13-14; and
33	(B) the notice mailed under this section is:
34	(i) not returned by the United States Postal Service and
35	received by the county voter registration office at; or
36	(ii) received by the applicant by United States Postal
37	Service delivery and presented in person by the
38	applicant to the county voter registration office before;
39	the expiration of the seven (7) day period under subsection
40	(c);
41	the county voter registration office shall indicate in the
42	computerized list that the applicant is a registered voter at the



1 address set forth by the applicant as the applicant's current 2 address. 3 SECTION 4. IC 3-7-33-5.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.227-2023, 4 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 5 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5.7. (a) The statewide voter registration system 6 must contain a feature that identifies: 7 (1) potential nonresidential addresses submitted on voter 8 registration applications; and (2) voter registrations in the statewide voter registration 9 10 system that list a potential nonresidential address. 11 (b) This subsection applies to an application with a residence 12 address that the statewide voter registration system identifies as a 13 potential nonresidential address. Before the county voter registration 14 official makes a determination on the application under section 5 of 15 this chapter, the official shall conduct research on the application to 16 determine if: 17 (1) an individual could reside at the address stated on the 18 application; or (2) the applicant resides at a nontraditional address described in 19 20 IC 3-5-5-18. 21 SECTION 5. IC 3-7-38.2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2020, 22 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 23 JANUARY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) 24 or (c), a voter list maintenance program conducted under this chapter 25 must: 26 (1) be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the 27 Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10101); (2) not result in the removal of the name of a person from the 28 29 official list of voters solely due to the person's failure to vote; and 30 (3) be completed not later than ninety (90) days before a primary 31 or general election. 32 (b) A voter list maintenance program conducted under this chapter 33 in a year other than a year in which a general election is conducted 34 must: 35 (1) comply with the requirements set forth in subsection (a)(1)36 and (a)(2); and 37 (2) be completed not later than twenty-nine (29) days before a municipal election or special election (other than for a federal 38 39 office) is conducted. 40 (c) If a special election is required for a vacancy in a federal office 41 in a year in which a general election is not conducted, the voter list 42 maintenance program conducted under this chapter must:



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1	resides at an address different from the address on the voter's
2	registration record.
3	(9) Information received from the election division as a result
4	of a comparison between:
5	(A) a voter registration address; and
6	(B) commercially available data, such as data from a credit
7	agency.
8	(f) The notice described in subsection (d) must:
9	(1) be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, by
10	a method that requires the notice to be forwarded to the voter; and
11	(2) include a postage prepaid return card that:
12	(A) is addressed to the county voter registration office;
13	(B) states a date (which must be at least thirty (30) days after
14	the date the notice is mailed) by which the card must be
15	returned or the voter's registration will become inactive until
16	the information is provided to the county voter registration
17	office; and
18	(C) permits the voter to provide the voter's current residence
19	address.
20	(g) If a voter returns the card described in subsection (f)(2) and
21	provides a current residence address that establishes that the voter
22	resides:
23	(1) in the county, the county voter registration office shall update
24	the voter's registration record; or
25	(2) outside the county, the county voter registration office shall
26	cancel the voter's registration.
27	(h) If a card is returned as undeliverable due to an unknown or
28	insufficient address by the United States Postal Service after the date
29	specified in subsection $(f)(2)(B)$ , the county voter registration office
30	shall, when registration reopens after the next primary, general, or
31	municipal election, determine whether the voter voted or appeared to
32	vote from the address set forth in the registration record at any election
33	occurring after the final day for completing voter list maintenance
34	activities, and if not, then designate the voter as inactive.
35	(i) If a voter does not return the card described in subsection $(f)(2)$
36	by the date specified in subsection (f)(2)(B), the county voter
37	registration office shall indicate in the voter's registration record that
38	the voter's registration is inactive.
39	(j) A voter's registration that becomes inactive under subsection (h)
40	or (i) remains in inactive status from the date described in subsection
41	(f)(2)(B) until the earlier of the following:
42	(1) The date the county voter registration office updates or

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1 cancels the voter's registration under subsection (g) after the voter 2 provides a current residence address. 3 (2) The day after the second general election in which the voter 4 has not voted or appeared to vote. 5 (k) After the date described in subsection (j)(2), the county voter 6 registration office shall remove the voter's registration from the voter 7 registration records. 8 SECTION 6. IC 3-7-38.2-7.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7.1. (a) The secretary of state may 11 contract with a company to receive commercially available data, 12 such as data from a credit agency. 13 (b) The secretary of state shall transmit to the NVRA official the 14 information received under subsection (a). 15 (c) The NVRA official (or a contractor retained by the election 16 division under this chapter) shall use the information supplied by 17 the secretary of state under this section to identify a voter whose 18 residence may have changed. 19 SECTION 7. IC 3-7-38.2-7.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA 20 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS 21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7.3. (a) For purposes of this section, "proof of citizenship" means one (1) or more of the 22 23 following: 24 (1) The voter's birth certificate or a legible photocopy of the 25 voter's birth certificate. 26 (2) The voter's United States passport or a legible photocopy 27 of the pages of the passport that identify the voter and show 28 the passport number. 29 (3) The voter's United States naturalization documentation, a 30 legible photocopy of the voter's naturalization documentation, 31 or the voter's certificate of naturalization number. A voter 32 who provides a certificate of naturalization number in lieu of 33 the naturalization documentation is not deemed to have 34 provided proof of citizenship until the county voter 35 registration office verifies the number with the United States 36 Citizenship and Immigration Services or a successor agency. 37 (4) A document or method of proof of citizenship established 38 under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 39 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.). 40 (b) The NVRA official shall compare the statewide voter 41 registration system with the systematic alien verification for 42 entitlements (SAVE) program data base. If evidence exists that a

2 official shall notify the county voter registration office of the 3 county in which the individual is registered to vote that the 4 registered voter may not be a citizen of the United States. 5 (c) After receiving a notice under subsection (b), the county 6 voter registration office shall send a notice to the registered voter 7 inquiring whether the individual is eligible to be registered to vote. 8 An individual who receives a notice under this subsection shall, 9 within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice, provide proof of 10 citizenship to the county voter registration office in person or by 11 mail. 12 (d) If the individual does not provide proof of citizenship within 13 thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice under subsection (c), the 14 county voter registration office that issued the notice shall cancel 15 the individual's registration. 16 (e) An individual who is unable to provide documentation as 17 proof of citizenship under this section may appeal in person or by 18 mail to the county election board of the county in which the person 19 was registered to vote. After receiving an appeal, the county 20 election board shall: 21 (1) conduct a hearing; 22 (2) make a finding concerning the individual's citizenship 23 status; and 24 (3) send a copy of its decision to the county voter registration 25 office of the county in which the individual resides. 26 A county voter registration office that receives a decision under 27 subdivision (3) shall change the voter registration records to 28 accurately reflect the decision of the county election board with 29 respect to the individual. 30 (f) Documentation provided to show proof of citizenship under 31 this section is confidential and is not available for inspection by the 32 public. 33 SECTION 8. IC 3-7-38.2-7.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA 34 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7.4. (a) This section applies when 36 the feature within the statewide voter registration system described 37 in IC 3-7-33-5.7(a)(2) identifies a voter registration that lists a 38 potential nonresidential address. 39 (b) The county voter registration official shall conduct research 40 on the registration described in subsection (a) to determine if:

(1) an individual could reside at the address stated on the registration; or



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1 2	(2) the individual resides at a nontraditional residence described in IC 3-5-5-18.
3	(c) If the county voter registration official determines, following
4	research under subsection (b), that:
5	(1) an individual could not reside at the address; or
6	(2) the individual does not reside at a nontraditional residence
7	described in IC 3-5-5-18;
8	the county voter registration official may perform the voter list
9	maintenance procedures under this chapter.
10	SECTION 9. IC 3-7-38.2-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2017,
11	SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 16. (a) The NVRA official shall, not later than
13	January 31 of each even numbered even-numbered year, request
14	information from the
15	(1) United States District Court for the Northern District of
16	Indiana and <b>the</b>
17	(2) United States District Court for the Southern District of
18	Indiana
19	concerning:
20	(1) the return of U.S. mail sent by the court for jury selection
21	purposes; and
22	(2) individuals disqualified from jury service due to
23	citizenship status.
24	(b) Not later than twenty-eight (28) days following the primary
25	election conducted in that year, the state shall provide each county
26	voter registration office with information concerning any registered
27	voter who:
28	(1) appears to no longer reside at the address set forth in the
29	voter's registration record due to a mailing returned to the courts;
30	and
31	(2) is disqualified or potentially disqualified as a prospective
32	juror from jury service because the registered voter is not a
33	United States citizen.
34	(c) Not later than forty-two (42) days following the primary election
35	conducted in that year, the county voter registration office shall:
36	(1) send an address confirmation notice to the voter described by
37	this subsection (b) at the voter's mailing address; or
38	(2) follow the procedures prescribed by section 7.3 of this
39	chapter.
40	SECTION 10. IC 3-7-48-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
41	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
42	1, 2024]: Sec. 4.5. (a) This section applies when:



1	(1) an individual:
2	(A) has applied to register to vote in person at a
3	registration agency; and
4	(B) did not comply with the proof of residence
5	requirements under IC 3-7-13-14 at the time the individual
6	applied to register to vote under clause (A);
7	(2) the county voter registration office sent a notice to the
8	individual described in subdivision (1) under IC 3-7-33-5(b)
9	that included the information described in IC 3-7-33-5(c)(4);
10	and
11	(3) the individual described in subdivision (1) did not comply
12	with the proof of residence requirements under IC 3-7-13-14
13	by the time the certified list was prepared under IC 3-7-29 for
14	the next election following the individual's application under
15	subdivision (1)(A).
16	(b) The county voter registration office shall provide to the
17	county election board the name of each individual described in
18	subsection (a). The county election board shall certify to the
19	inspector of the precinct where the applicant resides that the
20	applicant's voter registration application is pending, and that the
21	applicant, subject to fulfilling the requirements under
22	IC 3-7-13-14, is entitled to cast a provisional ballot. For purposes
23	of this subsection, the county election board shall consider the
24	precinct listed in the voter registration application as the precinct
25	where the applicant resides.
26	(c) An individual described under subsection (a) is entitled to
27	cast a provisional ballot.
28	(d) The following apply to a provisional ballot cast under
29	subsection (c):
30	(1) The provisional ballot must be counted if the county
31	election board determines that the individual:
32	(A) complied with the proof of residence requirements
33	under IC 3-7-13-14 before the closing of the polls on
34	election day; and
35	<ul><li>(B) is otherwise eligible to vote.</li><li>(2) The provisional ballet may not be counted if the country</li></ul>
36 37	(2) The provisional ballot may not be counted if the county election board determines that the individual:
37 38	(A) did not comply with the proof of residence
38 39	(A) and not comply with the proof of residence requirements under IC 3-7-13-14 before the closing of the
39 40	polls on election day; or
40 41	(B) is otherwise ineligible to vote.
41	SECTION 11. IC 3-11-4-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2023,
<b>7</b> 2	5101101111105-11-7-10, AS AIVIENDED D1 1.1.227-2025,

1 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 2 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 18. (a) If a voter satisfies any of the qualifications 3 described in IC 3-11-10-24 that entitle a voter to cast an absentee ballot 4 by mail, the county election board shall, at the request of the voter, mail 5 the official ballot, postage fully prepaid, to the voter at the address 6 stated in the application. Each ballot may be assigned a unique tracking 7 number as prescribed by the election division using IMb Tracing or a 8 similar automated tracking method to provide real-time tracking 9 information for the envelope containing the ballot. As used in this 10 subsection, "IMb Tracing" refers to a real-time mail tracking service offered through the United States Postal Service. 11

12 (b) If the county election board mails an absentee ballot to a voter 13 required to file additional documentation with the county voter 14 registration office before voting by absentee ballot under this chapter, 15 the board shall include a notice to the voter in the envelope mailed to the voter under section 20 of this chapter. The notice must inform the 16 17 voter that the voter must file the additional documentation required 18 under IC 3-7-33-4.5 with the county voter registration office before 6 19 p.m. on election day.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection, section 18.5 of this chapter, or IC 3-11-10-26.5, the ballot shall be transmitted:

(1) on the day of the receipt of the voter's application; or

(2) not more than five (5) days after the date of delivery of the ballots under section 15 of this chapter;

whichever is later. If the election board determines that the county voter registration office has received an application from the applicant for registration at an address within the precinct indicated on the application, and the election board determines that this application is pending under IC 3-7-33, the ballot shall be mailed on the date the county voter registration office indicates under IC 3-7-33-5(g) or IC 3-7-33-5(l) that the applicant is a registered voter.

(d) As required by 52 U.S.C. 21081, an election board shall establish a voter education program (specific to a paper ballot or optical scan ballot card provided as an absentee ballot under this chapter) to notify a voter of the effect of casting multiple votes for a single office.

(e) As provided by 52 U.S.C. 21081, when an absentee ballot is
transmitted under this section, the mailing must include:

39 (1) information concerning the effect of casting multiple votes for40 an office; and

41 (2) instructions on how to correct the ballot before the ballot is42 cast and counted, including the issuance of replacement ballots.



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