

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW
INDIANA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
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With only a week to go till the fight for the Democratic nomination moved to Indiana, the U.S. Supreme Court [ruled](#) that Indiana's photo, voter ID rule did not violate a voter's constitutional right. Add the publicly lauded and ridiculed Supreme Court ruling, to a record number of registered voters, to an ongoing test of the [vote center](#) concept and all eyes are expected to be on the Hoosier state on May 6.

On the ballot: Presidential nominees, U.S. Representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, State Representative, Judge of the Circuit Court, Judge of the Superior Court, Judge of the County Court.

Polling place hours: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registered voters: [4,318,922](#) (April 30, 2008) with 303,839 newly registered voters in 2008.

Absentee and early ballots: The state [requires an excuse](#) to vote absentee by mail. Early voting is available at county clerks offices 29 days prior to the election. As of April 30, 2008 113,133 Hoosiers had already cast their ballots.

Voting systems: Optical scan, touch-screen DRE (no voter-verified paper audit trail) and hybrid system (touch-screen interface that prints optically scanned ballot). [Click here](#) for a complete list of voting systems by county.

Vote Centers: Three Indiana counties — Wayne, Tippecanoe and Cass — are participating in a pilot project for vote centers and earlier this year, the Indiana legislature approved opening up the experiment by allowing counties to volunteer to participate.

Voter ID: Indiana now has the strictest voter ID law in the country. [Public Law 109-2005](#) requires Indiana residents to present a government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot at the polls on Election Day. Acceptable ID's must have a photo, name, expiration and be issued by a state or federal government agencies. Student ID's with no expiration are not permissible, nor are student ID's from private institutions.

State election links:

[Secretary of State](#)

[Voter Information Guide](#)

[Polling Place Locater](#)

Recent news stories:

[Vote centers busy over weekend](#), *Journal & Courier*, April 29, 2008

[Poll workers gear up for busy day](#), *The Paper of Montgomery County*, May 1, 2008

[Big turnout expected for Indiana primary](#), WTHR, April 30, 2008

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