



INDIANA FIRST ACTION

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Indiana First Action wants to applaud the Republican National Committee on their recent “Return to Excellence in American Voting” Resolution demanding Election Security. Their statements outline the current concerns of most Americans regarding the voting systems and methods in our great Nation.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously and can be found on the [RNC website](#).

Some of the “WHEREAS” statements that we agree with are:

1. WHEREAS, **Ensuring the integrity of our voting and election administration** is critical and foundational to maintaining a civil and decent society decentralized from a federal government as the Founders intended;
2. WHEREAS, Election officials are obligated to apply polling place access equitably in states, and **should not eliminate polling places in order to move to ‘vote center’ models** that make polling place access more difficult in more conservative areas;
3. WHEREAS, The grassroots activists of the Republican Party have discovered and made it abundantly clear that there are **recognized problems with electronic election procedures** and intentional complications of instituted systems that complicate, belabor, and slow down our election processes;
4. WHEREAS, **Election experts agree that the most resilient voting systems use paper ballots, either marked by hand or with an assistive device, and are verified by the voter before any means of tabulation;**

It can be stated that any “Republican” that opposes these measures (including secretaries of states, state reps/senators, clerks and election boards) are in direct opposition to the position adopted by the National Republican Party. The strongest resolutions adopted (in our opinion) and that should be applauded are:

- 1) Use systems that are **fully auditable**, namely **hand-marked, voter-verified PAPER ballots** to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record.

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“FREE AND EQUAL ELECTIONS.” —————

2) Support the rights of counties to implement voting procedures that **DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF MACHINES AND THOSE THAT IMPLEMENT HAND COUNTING PROCEDURES THAT ARE FULLY AUDITABLE.**

3) Support precinct polling and opposes vote centers.

4) Eliminate drop boxes.

5) **Prevent further expansion of early voting** that makes Election Day tabulation more complicated and delayed.

6) **Require IDs and citizenship for voting.**

Indiana First Action still believes that the Resolutions can go a step further in totally eradicating the electronic election machines from our state, including e-Pollbooks. We do agree with the RNC and fully support our Hoosier clerks that want to go back to publicly observed, hand-counted paper ballots.

Thank you to the Republican National Committee for supporting Election Integrity and for all Hoosiers to stand together to ensure all legal votes count as cast. We welcome all Republican Clerks, County Election Boards, State Representatives, Senators, and Secretaries of State to view this resolution to help guide future elections.

What can you do? We need your help!

Take (or call or email) this Resolution (link above or reach out to us at IndianaFirstAction@protonmail.com for a copy) to your **local Clerk, Election Board, County Council, Commissioners and State Reps/Senators**. Ask how they are going to implement this simple voting system into their county elections. Takes notes and listen. We want to hear their positions so we can address their concerns. Too much time and money? Send them our Indiana Hand-Count Paper Ballot Method from our website (www.indianafirstaction.com). The analysis has already been done in preparation for going back to paper ballots, hand-counted. Your county election board with your clerk, as the elected official, can go back to paper tomorrow as their voting method under state law. If a vote center is in your county, that initiative needs to be scrapped per this Resolution and return to precinct voting.

We still have time to act to ensure that our 2024 elections include hand-counted paper ballots. See our website for Indiana's Model, county charts, and video explaining that the **ONLY thing between us as a voter and our ballot should be a pen.**

Thank you from Indiana First Action (indianafirstaction.com), your volunteer Hoosier citizens election integrity group. Join our grass roots team! We can be found on all social media platforms.