

Midterms are coming up – what should you know?

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We hope it is helpful resource for you as 2018 midterms approach.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS OCTOBER 9, 2018!!!!

LOGISTICS

Visit [Indiana government](#)¹ website to

- Register to vote
- Check voting status
- Find your polling place
- Learn more about election security
- See Indiana primary election results (May 2018) by state, district or county

Visit [Human Rights Campaign](#)² website to

- Check registration status
- Register to vote
- Get your absentee ballot
- Get election reminders
- Find your polling place

Visit [Ballotpedia](#)³ website to see information on all upcoming elections in Indiana

SUPPORT FOR LGBTQ EQUALITY

Visit [Human Rights Campaign](#)⁴ website to see information on how our elected officials voted on LGBTQ rights issues

- Members of Congress were scored based on their votes and co-sponsorships of pieces of legislation that are key indicators of support for LGBTQ equality. Despite the 114th Congress failing to enact any legislation to protect the LGBTQ community, majorities emerged in both chambers on key LGBTQ issues.

Key Facts:

- 190 Members of Congress earned perfect scores (188 Democrats, 2 Republicans).
- The average score for Representatives was 53.
 - Average score for Democratic Representatives is 96.
 - Average score for Republican Representatives is 10.
- The average score for Senators was 54.
 - Average score for Democratic Senators is 98.
 - Average score for Republican Senators is 20
- We're currently in the 115th Congress
- See current congressional district [map](#)⁵
- 114th Congress [Congressional Scorecard](#)⁶ results follow
 - 100% is excellent, shows LGBT support; 0% is bad, shows lack of support
 - For details on what LGBTQ-related issues they supported or didn't support, click the Congressional Scorecard link above
 - US Senate (114th Congress)
 - R - Dan Coats, 0%
 - D - Joe Donnelly, 80% (supported HRC's position on 5 of 8 issues) - *running for re-election*
 - US House (114th Congress)
 - D - Peter Visclosky, District 1, 88% (supported HRC's position on 6 of 9 issues) - *running for re-election*
 - R - Jackie Walorski, District 2, 0% - *running for re-election*
 - R - Marlin Stutzman, District 3, 0%
 - R - Todd Rokita, District 4, 16%
 - R - Susan Brooks, District 5, 32% (= 2 of 9 issues)
 - R - Luke Messer, District 6, 32%
 - D - Andre Carson, District 7, 100% (=9 of 9 issues)
 - R - Larry Bucshon, 16%
 - R - Todd Young, 32%

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INFORMATION ON 2018 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

[GovTrack](#)⁷ is a phenomenal website for information about our current Indiana legislators, whom yours are, district maps, links to websites, and indications of when each of the seats are up for re-election. Also visit this link at [GovTrack](#)⁸. For Indiana election results and candidates in upcoming elections, see below or visit the [Indiana Election Division](#)⁹ website.

You can also visit the [Indiana General Assembly](#)¹⁰ website to Find Your Legislator (great map section)

United States Legislators

Indiana is a U.S. state with two senators in the United States Senate and nine representatives in the United States House of Representatives.

United States Senate

Visit Wikipedia article on [2018 US Senate Candidates](#)¹¹ to see whom each US Senate candidate has previously endorsed for president, vice president, senators, representatives, governors, state senators, state representatives, individuals, organizations, and newspapers.

Each state elects two senators for staggered 6-year terms. Senators represent the entire state. Indiana's senators are

- United States Senator (*up for re-election this year*):
 - D - Joe Donnelly, incumbent ([website](#)¹²)
LGBT issues - Donnelly has an overall mixed voting record on LGBT rights, receiving a rating of 30% from the Human Rights Campaign in 2010, but a rating of 80% in 2017. Having opposed same-sex marriage during his 2012 senatorial campaign, Donnelly announced in April 2013, five months after his election, that he had changed his position.
 - R - Mike Braun, businessman and former State Representative ([website](#)¹³)
 - L - Lucy Brenton
- United States Senator (*not up for re-election this year*):
 - D - Todd Young, incumbent ([website](#)¹⁴)

United States House

Visit Wikipedia article on [2018 US Representative Candidates](#)¹⁵ to see whom each US Representative candidate has previously endorsed...

The United States is divided into 435 congressional districts, each with a population of about 710,000 individuals. Each district elects a representative to the House for a two-year term. Representatives are also called congressmen/congresswomen. See [NWI congressional districts map](#)¹.

- United States Representative, District 1
 - D - Peter Visclosky (incumbent) ([website](#)¹⁶)
 - R - Mark Leyva ([website](#)¹⁷)
- United States Representative, District 2
 - R - Jackie Walorski (incumbent) ([website](#)¹⁸)
 - D - Mel Halle ([website](#)¹⁹)
- United States Representative, District 4
 - D - Toby Beck ([website](#)²⁰)
 - R - Jim Baird ([website](#)²¹)

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State Legislators (see state senate districts [map](#)²²)

Indiana Senate

A total of 25 seats out of the chamber's 50 seats are up for election in 2018. Indiana state senators serve staggered, four-year terms and half of the Senate is up for election every two years.

- State Senate District 1
 - D - Frank Mryan (incumbent) ([facebook](#)²³)
 - R - Charles Kalles ([website](#)²⁴)
- State Senate District 4
 - D - Karen Tallian (incumbent) ([facebook](#)²⁵)
 - R - Cole Stultz (no website)
- State Senate District 6
 - R - Rick Niemeyer (incumbent) ([facebook](#)²⁶)
 - D - Ryan Farrar ([facebook](#)²⁷)
- State Senate Districts 2,3, and 5 in NWI are not up for election this year

Indiana House of Representatives (see state house districts [map](#)²⁸)

All 100 House seats are up for election in 2018. Indiana state representatives serve two-year terms, with all seats up for election every two years.

- State Representative District 1
 - D - Carolyn Jackson (incumbent) ([facebook](#)²⁹)
 - L - Donna Dunn (no website)
- State Representative District 2
 - D - Earl Harris, Jr. (incumbent) ([facebook](#)³⁰)
- State Representative District 3
 - D - Ragen Hatcher (no website)

Other state officials on ballot:

- Secretary of State
 - R - Connie Lawson (incumbent) ([website](#)³¹)
 - D - Jim Harper ([website](#)³²)
- State Auditor
 - R - Tera Klutz (incumbent) ([website](#)³³)
 - D - Joselyn Whitticker ([website](#)³⁴)
- State Treasurer
 - R - Kelly Mitchell (incumbent) ([website](#)³⁵)
 - D - John Aguilera ([website](#)³⁶)
- Prosecuting Attorney (see [Indiana Election Division](#)³⁷ website)

Local officials on ballot (see [Indiana Election Division](#)³⁷ website):

- County Auditor
- County Treasurer
- County Sheriff
- County Coroner
- County Assessor
- County Commissioner
- Township Assessor

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INFORMATION ON LGBTQ RIGHTS AND ISSUES

Visit [ACLU website](#)³⁸ to find out about specific “LGBT legislation affecting LGBT rights across the country”; visit [HRC website](#)³⁹ to “view the laws and policies that affect the LGBTQ community” and to see where the states stand on important issues.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LGBTQ ISSUES ([HRC website](#)⁴⁰)

- There are roughly 10 million LGBTQ adults in the U.S., or roughly 4.1 percent of the population
- Sixteen percent of same-sex couples are raising children according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 Current Population Survey
- There is no federal law that consistently protects LGBTQ individuals from employment discrimination; there are no state laws in 28 states that explicitly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, and in 30 states that do so based on gender identity
- More than 50 anti-LGBTQ bills have been filed in 19 state legislatures in the 2017 state legislative session
- The FBI reported 1,167 hate crimes based on sexual orientation or gender identity in 2015. This is likely a dramatic undercount since thousands of agencies didn't submit any data and reporting is not mandatory

LGBT rights in Indiana

- Prohibits housing discrimination based on sexual orientation only
- Sexual orientation discrimination prohibited in public and private employment; gender identity discrimination prohibited in public employment only
- Sexual orientation recognized for data collection about hate crimes (A national hate crimes law encompasses both sexual orientation and gender identity)

LGBT rights in the United States ([wikipedia](#)⁴¹)

- Same-sex sexual intercourse legal status - Legal nationwide since 2003, legal in some areas since 1962
- Gender identity/expression - Laws vary by jurisdiction
- Military service - Yes, openly; "Don't ask, don't tell" policy repealed in September 2011; transgender individuals allowed to enlist as of January 2018
- Family rights - Recognition of relationships - Legal nationwide since 2015 except American Samoa and some tribal jurisdictions; recognized by the federal government since 2013
- Adoption - Legal in 50 states since 2016

LGBT rights in the United States ([wikipedia](#)⁴²)

This is simplified for international comparison with other Wikipedia LGBT rights articles. A green checkmark denotes the right exists, while a red X denotes it doesn't; a check *and* an X in the same column means the right varies on a state-by-state basis.

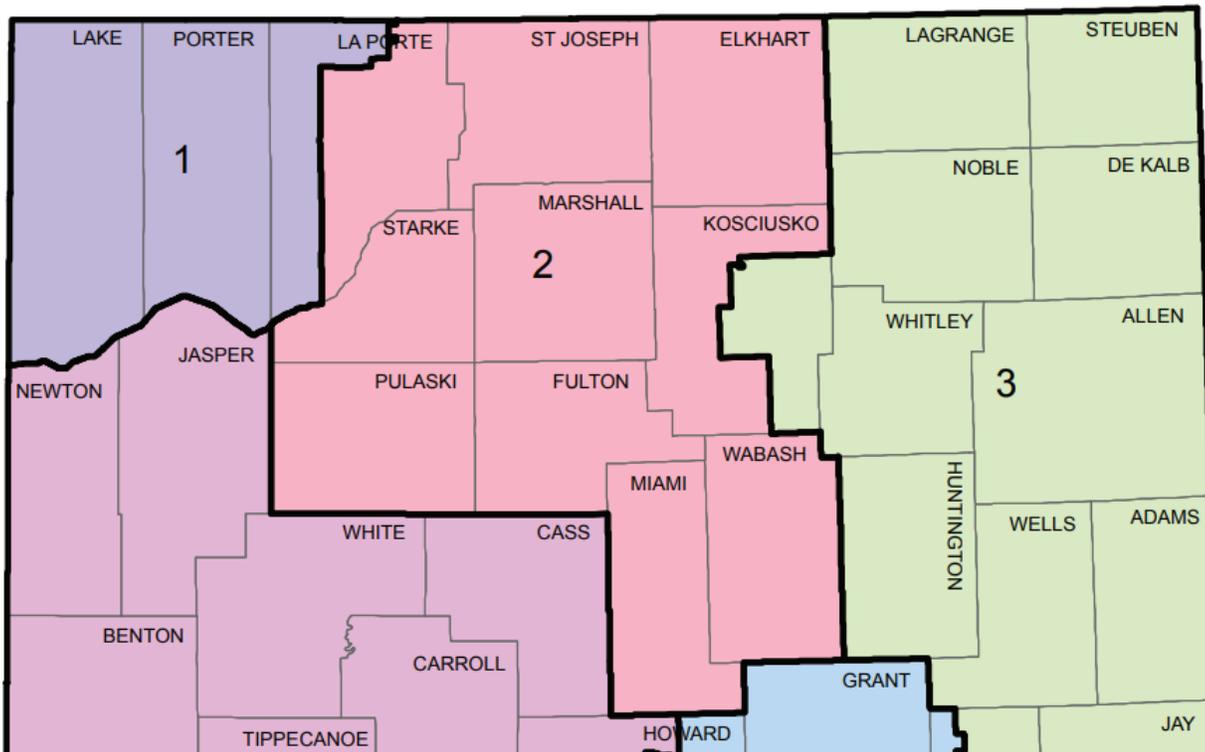
LGBT Right	Federal Protection	State Level Protection
• Same-sex sexual activity legal	✓	✓
• Equal age of consent	✓	✓
• Anti-discrimination laws in employment	✗ (✓ for fed. emp)	✓ / ✗
• Anti-discrimination laws in the provision of goods and services	✗	✓ / ✗
• Anti-discrimination laws in all other areas	✗	✓ / ✗
• LGBT anti-discrimination law in health insurance	✗	✗
• LGBT anti-bullying law in schools and colleges	✗	✓ / ✗
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| • LGBT anti-discrimination law in hospitals | ✗ | ✗ | |
| • Surrogacy legal for gay/bi male couples | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| • Same-sex marriages | ✓ | ✓ | |
| • Recognition of same-sex couples | ✓ | ✓ | |
| • Step-child adoption by same-sex couples | ✓ | ✓ | |
| • Joint adoption by same-sex couples | ✓ | ✓ | |
| • LGBT people allowed to serve openly in the military | ✓ | ✓ | |
| • Right to change legal gender | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| • Legal recognition of gender diversity beyond the female/male binary | ✗ | ✗ | |
| • Intersex minors protected from invasive surgical procedures | ✗ | ✗ | |
| • Conversion therapy banned on minors | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| • MSMs allowed to donate blood | ✓ | ✗ | |

Indiana US Congressional District

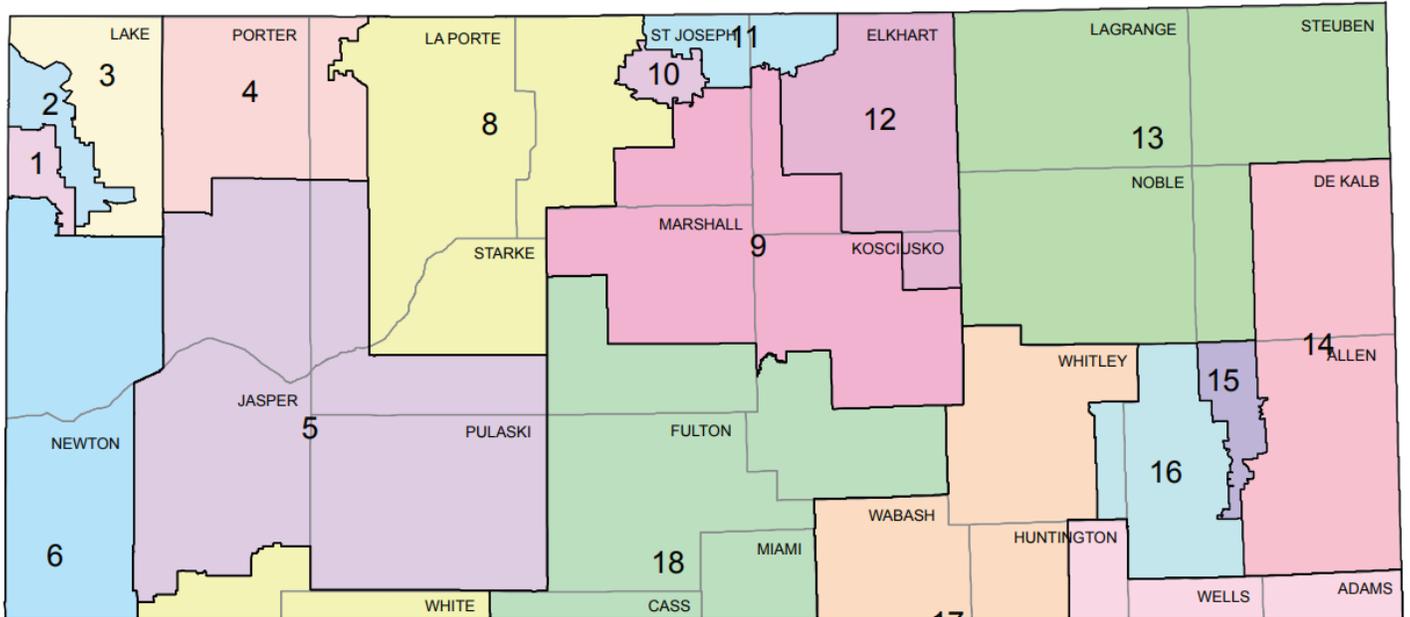
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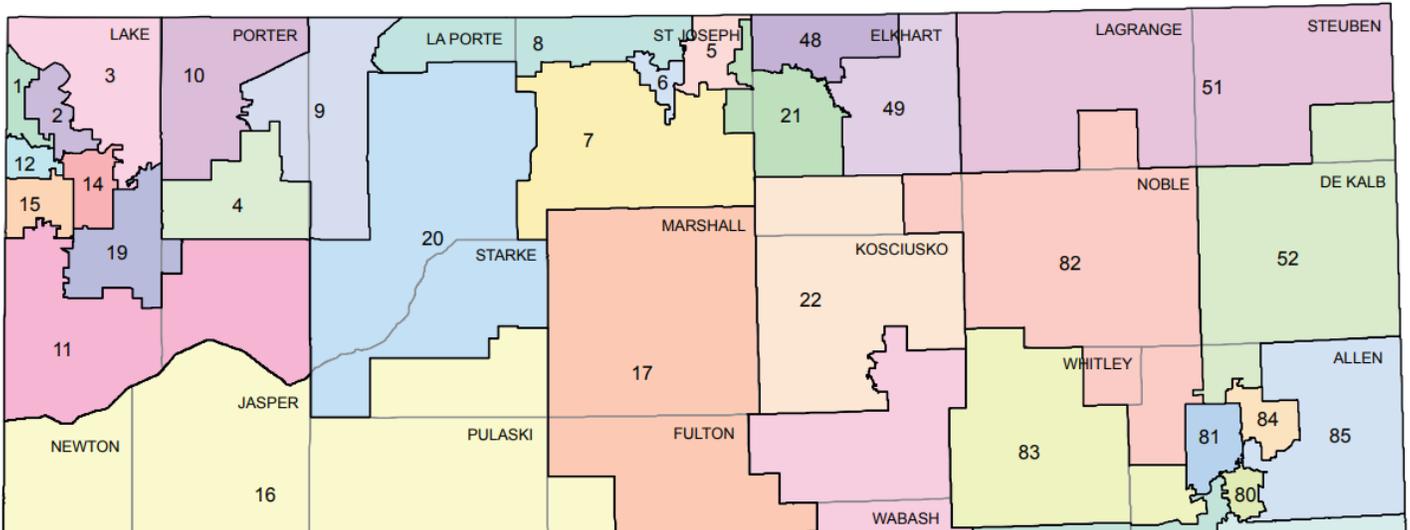
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Indiana State House District Map

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- ⁷ <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/IN>
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