

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of the County of Benton, State of Iowa, that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 2026. The polls for said election shall be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

For said election Benton County will be divided into eighteen precincts. The precincts and polling places are as follows:

<u>PRECINCT NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF VOTING</u>
Belle Plaine I	Belle Plaine Community Center, RSVP Room
Belle Plaine II	Belle Plaine Community Center, Dining Room
Belle Plaine III	Belle Plaine Fire Station
Benton-Canton-Shellsburg	Shellsburg Legion Hall
Big Grove-Union-Van Horne	Van Horne Community Center
Bruce-Cedar-Monroe-Mt. Auburn	Cedar Hall
Eden-Harrison-Taylor-Jackson-Garrison	Benton County Courthouse, Center Hall
Eldorado-Newhall	Newhall City Hall
Florence-St. Clair-Norway	St. Michael's Parish Center
Fremont-Atkins	Atkins City Hall/Library
Homer-Kane-Keystone	Keystone City Hall
Iowa-Leroy-Luzerne-Blairstown	Blairstown City Hall/Community Center
Polk-Urbana	Urbana City Hall/Community Center
Vinton I	Vinton Skate & Activity Center
Vinton II	Vinton Skate & Activity Center
Vinton III	Vinton Skate & Activity Center
Vinton IV	Vinton Skate & Activity Center
Walford	Walford City Hall/Community Center

*denotes change in polling place

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS: Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered, such as voters registering to vote on Election Day and voters changing precincts, must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by November 9, 2026 12:00 p.m. (noon). Election Day Registrants may use an attester from that precinct, but attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 319-472-2365.

Returning Absentee Ballots:

- The only people who may return a voted absentee ballot other than the voter are:
 - Someone living in the voter's household
 - An immediate family member
 - The two special precinct election officials who deliver a ballot to the resident of a health care facility, dementia-specific assisted living program or hospital
 - Voters unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability may use a "delivery agent" to deliver their ballots.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS CANNOT BE PLACED IN THE DROP BOX OUTSIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE!!!

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the county auditor's office at the telephone or E-mail address listed below.

Telephone: 319-472-2365

Email address: bcauditor@bentoncountya.gov

For TTY access, dial 711+319-472-2365

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES APPEAR ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BALLOTS.

US Senator: Josh Turek-DEM, Ashley Hinson-REP, Thomas Laehn-LIB

US Representative District 2: Lindsay James-DEM, Joe Mitchell-REP, Rick Stewart-LIB, Dave Bushaw-No Party

Governor: Rob Sand/Dave Muhlbauer-DEM, Zach Lahn/Derek Wulf-REP

Secretary of State: Ryan Peterman-DEM, Paul D. Pate-REP

Auditor of State: Taylor Wettach-DEM, Chris Courmoyer-REP

Treasurer of State: John Norwood-DEM, Roby Smith-REP

Secretary of Agriculture: Chris Jones-DEM, Mike Naig-REP

Attorney General: Nate Willems-DEM, Brenna Bird-REP

State Representative District 76: Calvin Horn-DEM, Matt Reisetter-REP

State Representative District 84: Polly Denison-DEM, Thomas Gerhold-REP

Board of Supervisors District 2: Terry Hertle-DEM, Bethany Hantz-REP

Treasurer: Melinda Schoettmer-REP

Recorder: Allison Hicks-DEM, Lexa S. Speidel-REP

Attorney: Ray Lough-REP

Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner: Cory Cronbaugh, Steven A. Thompson
Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner-to fill Vacancy: No Candidate
County Agricultural Extension Council: Scott Rathje, Kelsey Brecht, Jessica Melby, Tressa Walton, Emily LeGrand
County Agricultural Extension Council-to fill Vacancy: Dawn Edler

Independence School Board Director District 1-to fill Vacancy: Ranger Reed, Erika Schmitt

<u>Township and Office</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
Benton Township Trustee	Sean Nix
Benton Township Clerk	Doug Sutton
Big Grove Township Trustee	Cory Van Deusen
Big Grove Township Clerk	Catherine Janssen
Big Grove Township Trustee-to fill Vacancy	Randy A. Janssen
Bruce Township Trustee	Robert Zeien
Bruce Township Clerk	Lindsay B. Pipho
Canton Township Trustee	No Candidate
Canton Township Clerk	Michael A. Jambois
Eden Township Trustee	Brian Happel
Eden Township Clerk	Ben Vierling
Eldorado Township Trustee	Jon Kaestner
Eldorado Township Clerk	Rosemary Olson
Florence Township Trustee	Peter Drahos
Florence Township Clerk	Stuart Towe
Harrison Township Trustee	Okee Walker Jr.
Harrison Township Clerk	Kelly Rae Geater
Iowa Township Trustee	Jim Sayers
Iowa Township Clerk	Melody Lohf
Jackson Township Trustee	Paul M. Herger
Jackson Township Clerk	John Lindahl
Leroy Township Trustee	John Roth
Leroy Township Clerk	Joseph Niebuhr
Polk Township Trustee	Steven Smith
Polk Township Clerk	Benjamin Seiler
St. Clair Township Trustee	James Oberreuter
St Clair Township Clerk	John Kuester
Taylor Township Trustee	Wayne W. Rhinehart
Taylor Township Clerk	Charles Yedlik

Court of Appeals Judge: John M. Sandy, Julie A. Schumacher, Sharon Soorholtz Greer

District 6 Judge: Jason D. Besler, Michael Harris, Mark Fisher

District 6 Associate Judge: Angie Johnston, Kristin Schneider, Casey D. Jones

PUBLIC MEASURES

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Summary: Provides that any bill to increase the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature for passage. Further, the two-thirds majority vote requirement applies to the passage of a bill to establish a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state. The requirement excludes taxes imposed at the option of a local government. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment.

Full Text: The Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section to new Article XIII: Passage of a bill that increases the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. This requirement does not apply to taxes imposed at the option of a local government. Passage of a bill that establishes a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment. If such a lawsuit is not filed within the one-year limit, the bill shall be considered properly enacted under this section. Each bill to which this section applies must include a separate provision describing the requirements for enactment prescribed by this section. The general assembly shall enact laws to implement this section.

NC

Shall Kirkwood Community College (Merged Area X) in the Counties of Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Poweshiek, Tama, and Washington, be authorized to renovate, improve, erect, and equip facilities to modernize learning spaces with an emphasis on health sciences, industrial technologies, agricultural sciences, and business and information technology, contract indebtedness therefor, and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not exceeding \$88,000,000 for those purposes?

CE

Shall the Board of Directors of the Independence Community School District in the Counties of Buchanan and Benton, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$24,990,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to East and West Elementary Schools; and to remodel, repair, improve, and equip East and West Elementary Schools and to improve the sites, including related demolition at West Elementary?

All voters are advised of the requirements of voter registration in order to be eligible to vote at said election. This notice is given pursuant to Section 49.53, Code of Iowa, 2025, as amended, and by order of Benton County Commissioner of Elections this 14th day of October 2026.

HAYLEY RIPPEL

Benton County Auditor/ Commissioner of Elections