



# 2025 CONSTITUENT SURVEY RESULTS

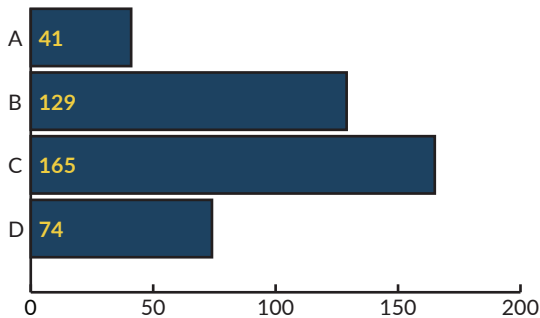
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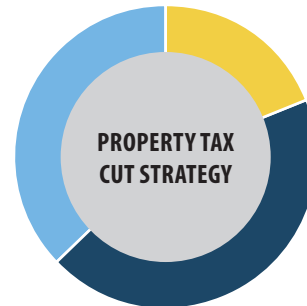
1. Which **one** of these taxes would you most like to see Indiana reduce/eliminate in the future?

### WHICH TAX CUT?

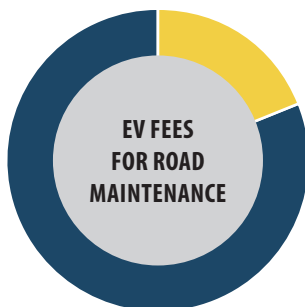
- A) Gas tax
- B) Income tax
- C) Property tax
- D) Sales tax



2. The state legislature is considering ways to cut property taxes, which are set and used by local governments – not the state government – to fund local services like schools, police and fire departments. Which **one** of the following policies would you most support? **A)** Cut property taxes with no replacement revenue, reducing local government spending **B)** Cut property taxes, but allow local governments to increase local income taxes to replace the lost revenue **C)** Don't cut property taxes



3. Fuel taxes are the main source of money to pay for road construction and maintenance in Indiana, but electric vehicles do not pay fuel taxes. Do you **support** or **oppose** collecting other types of fees on electric vehicles to make sure they help maintain our roads?



**Support**  
81%

**Oppose**  
19%

4. Fuel taxes have historically been the main way Indiana pays for road construction, but fuel taxes are no longer providing enough money to fully fund our road construction needs. Please rank the following alternative funding options, with **1 being your most preferred and 4 being your least preferred**.

### ROAD FUNDING OPTIONS

#### HIGHEST PRIORITY

- 1 Tax electric vehicles based on the amount of electricity they use
- 2 Increase annual registration fees at the BMV
- 3 Increase fuel taxes
- 4 Tolling

#### LOWEST PRIORITY

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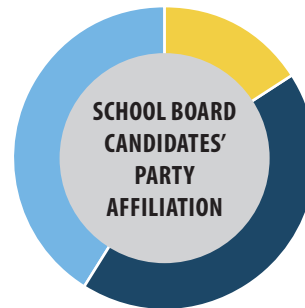
5. Across the country, we are seeing cases where dangerous criminal suspects are released on bail, only to commit more crimes while they await trial. Indiana's Constitution currently requires criminal suspects to be offered bail with very limited exceptions. Would you **support** or **oppose** amending the state Constitution so that courts can hold suspects without bail if releasing them from jail would pose a substantial danger to the public?



**Support**  
79%

**Oppose**  
21%

6. Candidates running for local school boards in Indiana do not currently list any political party affiliation (such as Republican, Democrat, etc.) on the ballot. Which of the following approaches do you think is the best regarding school board candidates? **A)** Maintain the current practice where school board candidates do not declare a party affiliation. **B)** Allow school board candidates to list their party affiliation, but don't require it. **C)** Require school board candidates to list their party affiliation in the same way as candidates for other government offices.

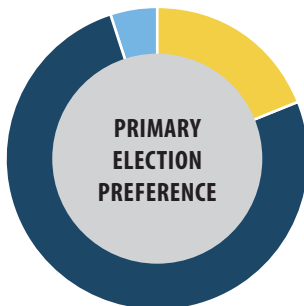


**A) 43%**

**B) 16%**

**C) 41%**

7. Indiana currently holds "open" primary elections, where voters can choose to vote in either the Republican or Democrat primary without declaring a party affiliation. Some states hold "closed" primaries, where voters must first declare a party affiliation in order to vote in that party's primary. Still other states hold "semi-closed" primaries, where political parties can choose whether to let non-member voters vote in their primary. Which of these systems do you think Indiana should use? **A)** Open primaries **B)** Closed primaries **C)** Semi-closed primaries

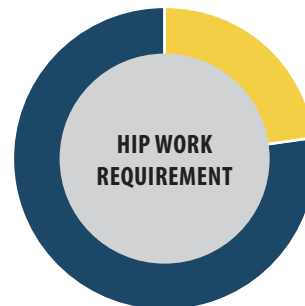


**A) 76%**

**B) 19%**

**C) 5%**

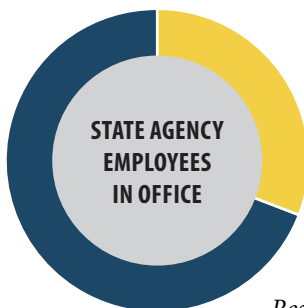
8. Should Indiana require able-bodied adults to work or look for work in order to receive publicly funded health-care coverage under the Healthy Indiana Plan?



**Yes**  
77%

**No**  
23%

9. Do you think those working for our state agencies should be physically present in their offices during work days?



**Yes**  
69%

**No**  
31%

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