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Early Voting Begins

[Early voting](#) began this week in Indiana with just a little under four weeks until Election Day on Tuesday, November 5.

Voters may cast ballots at early voting centers around the state. More information may be found [here](#).

Hoosier voters are going to the polls as the race for Indiana governor fully engages with several developments in the past two weeks amid signs of a tightening race.

As we chronicled for you in our last issue, both Republican **Mike Braun** and Democrat **Jennifer McCormick** have rolled out several substantial policy proposals. Braun has made policy pronouncements on [property taxes](#), [K-12 education](#), [agriculture](#), and [health care](#). McCormick has announced major positions on [property taxes](#), [K-12 education](#), [ethics reform](#), [energy](#), and [marijuana legalization](#).

And more [polling](#) showed a more competitive race than perhaps anticipated as the candidates engaged in [two](#) back-to-back [debates](#) and took to the airwaves with television and radio advertising.

As if acknowledging the increased competitiveness of the race, the **Democratic Governors Association** pledged \$600,000 to the McCormick campaign while its Republican counterpart contributed \$750,000 to Braun.

However, most [political handicappers](#) still give Braun the edge in "ruby red" Indiana.

Interim Study Committee Update

Interim study committees continue to meet for hearings and testimony on a variety of topics.

A full listing of all interim study committees and hearings schedule can be found [here](#).

As always, if you have questions or concerns about any subject or the legislative processes involved, please reach out to us.

Odds & Ends

Incumbent **Todd Rokita** (R) and his opponent **Destiny Wells** (D) are [trading barbs](#) in the race for Indiana attorney general. They [debate](#) later this week.

U.S. Rep. **Jim Banks** (R-3rd District) seems to be [declining](#) to debate his opponents in the race for U.S. Senate.

Gov. **Eric Holcomb** is dispatching about 400 members of the Indiana National Guard to help with [hurricane relief](#) efforts in Florida.

Indiana Insurance Commissioner **Amy Beard** will [step down](#) later this month. The Department of Insurance's Chief of Staff **Holly Williams Lambert** will take over.

Indiana ranked 15th out of 50 states on a new [fiscal report card](#). The only negative note for the state was its tardiness (by 22 days) in filing its annual financial report.

According to a [new study](#), **Indiana** lags behind the nation in wage growth and is susceptible to job losses from automation.
