

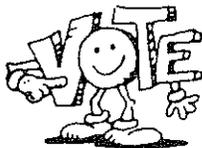
IN 2008 VOTERS THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN WILL ELECT:

- President & Vice President
- U.S. Senator (1 seat)
- U.S. Representative in Congress (all districts)
- State Representative (all districts)
- State Board of Education (2 seats)
- University of Michigan Regents (2 seats)
- Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats)
- Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of Probate
- County Officials
- Township Officials
- Village Officials
- Specified School District Positions

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are at least 18 years of age on or before the day of election at which you seek to vote.
- You have been a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days before the election.
- You have registered to vote on or before the close of registration preceding the election at which you seek to vote.



How is residence determined?

- By law your residence is the place where you habitually sleep, keep your personal effects and have your regular place of lodging. Service People, U.S. Government Employees, the families of both, and citizens outside U.S. territorial limits may register in the community of their last legal residence. If you hold a Michigan driver license, Michigan Law requires that the same address be used for voter registration and driver license purposes.

REGISTRATION

Does everyone have to register to be eligible to vote?

- Yes



How can I Register?

- At the office of your county, city or township clerk
- Secretary of State Branch Offices
- State and federal mail-in forms
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Community Health
- Department of Career Development
- Armed Forces Recruiters

How do I register to vote by mail?

- Mail-in registration forms are available on the Michigan Department of State Web Site (www.michigan.gov/sos).

Are there any additional requirements if I register by mail?

- Yes. If you have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, you must appear in person to vote in the first election in which you wish to participate. This requirement does not apply if 1) you personally hand deliver the mail-in registration form to your county, city or township clerk's office instead of mailing the form 2) you are 60 years of age or more 3) you are disabled or, 4) you are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
- If you have never voted in Michigan and registered by mail, you may also be subject to an identification requirement provided under federal law. The identification requirement is explained on the mail-in registration form.

Change of Address?

- If you move within your city or township, a change of address must be made with your local clerk or at a Secretary of State Branch Office. If you have not completed a change of address prior to election day, you will not lose your right to vote. A change of address card will be completed at the polling place when you vote.



- If you move outside your city or township, a change of address must be made with your local clerk or at a Secretary of State Branch Office. The change of address may be made by mail as well as in person.
- If you submit a change of address on your driver license at a Secretary of State Branch Office, the address on your voter registration record will automatically be changed as well.
- Printed forms for changing your address are available on the Michigan Department of State Web Site (www.michigan.gov/sos).

Change of Name?

Any name change due to marriage or legal action may be reported to the clerk by:

- Mail
- In Person
- At the Secretary of State Branch Office
- A person changing name should re-register, but may vote under former name.
- Printed forms for changing your name are available on the Michigan Department of State Web Site (www.michigan.gov/sos).



REGISTRATION CLOSES:

- For the August 5th Primary Election in 2008, the last day for registration is July 7th, during regular business hours. For the November 4th General Election in 2008, the last day for registration is October 6th, during regular business hours.



VOTING PROCEDURES

Where do I vote?

- Each voter must cast his/her ballot at the polling place designated to serve the precinct in which they reside. If you are in doubt as to the location of your polling place you should check with the clerk of your city or township.

Then What?

- The first step in casting a ballot involves entering your name, current address, and date of birth on an Application to Vote form.
- Inspectors then compare your birthdate and address with the information on the registration list.
- You must also comply with Michigan's voter identification requirement by showing acceptable picture identification or signing an affidavit.

Instructions for marking ballots.

- Detailed instructions for the proper method of casting your vote are posted in each precinct. If additional help is needed, ask the election inspectors.

What can I do if I spoil my ballot?

- If you tear, soil, or erroneously mark a ballot, you may return it to the precinct officials and another ballot will be given to you. Before you return the spoiled ballot, be sure to conceal any mark you have made on it.

Can a voter ever receive assistance in voting?

- Two election inspectors (Michigan Law) who have expressed an affiliation for different political parties may assist any voter who requests assistance.
- Any voter who requires assistance to vote because of blindness, physical disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by any person of the voter's choice (Federal Law). The person assisting cannot be the voter's employer, officer of voter's union or an agent of either.

Accessibility for voters who are disabled

- Federal Law requires that every precinct be made accessible to voters who are disabled and all persons over 60 years of age.
- A specially equipped voting station is available for use by voters who are disabled. The voting station permits voters who are disabled to vote independently without the assistance of another person.

Can persons confined in jail or prison vote?

- A Michigan resident confined in jail or prison who is awaiting arraignment or trial is eligible to vote. A Michigan resident who is serving a sentence in jail or prison after conviction cannot vote during his or her period of confinement. After a Michigan resident who is serving a sentence in jail or prison is released, he or she is free to participate in elections without restriction.