

PRIMARIES

What is the difference between a primary and a general election?

- In a primary election voters nominate candidates of their major party for the general election. Voters may vote for candidates in one major party only. Also conducted are nonpartisan primaries where the list of candidates exceeds more than twice the number to be elected.
- In a general election all voters elect officials from the party nominees and independent candidates. They also elect candidates in nonpartisan races. Voters may vote for candidates in more than one party.

How do I establish which party's ballot I am entitled to vote when participating in a partisan primary?

- You may vote the primary ballot of any political party but vote for candidates of one political party only. If you vote in more than one partisan section of the ballot, the partisan ballot will be rejected.
- Under Michigan Law you do not have to make a party choice until you enter the voting station.

ABSENTEE VOTING

You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

- Are unable to attend the polls without assistance;
- Are age 60 or older;
- Expect to be absent from your city or township for the entire time the polls are open on election day;
- Are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial;
- Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are registered; or
- Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

How do I apply?

- By contacting the clerk of your city or township in writing. State a statutory reason (listed above), tell where the ballot must be mailed or delivered, give your present registered address and sign the request. Absentee Ballots can be mailed only to your registration address or an address outside the community.
- A preprinted absentee ballot application form is available from your city or township clerk upon request. Application forms are also available on the Michigan Voter Information Center Web site (www.michigan.gov/vote).
- Send the completed application to your city or township clerk. Find contact information for your city or township clerk at the Michigan Voter Information Center Web site (www.michigan.gov/vote).

NOTE: Absent Voter Ballots cannot be supplied through telephone requests.

Application can be by:

- Letter
- Post Card
- Returning application form obtained from the Secretary of State Web site or your local clerk or completing application form when visiting your local clerk's office.
- Federal Post Card Application.
NOTE: This is restricted to:
 - Members of the Armed Forces & Merchant Marines and their spouses and dependents.
 - U.S. Citizens temporarily living or travelling outside of the territorial limits of the United States.

What is the deadline for applying for absentee ballots?

- Application sent by mail must reach the clerk by 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday preceding the election.
- An elector may visit his/her city or township clerk's office and apply for an absentee ballot in person up to 4:00 p.m. the day preceding the election.
- An emergency absent voter ballot can be obtained on election day if a family death or illness requires you to leave your city or township on election day or you are unable to attend the polls because of personal illness or accident. The emergency must have occurred late enough that you could not file a regular absent voter ballot request. Have someone deliver your written request for an emergency absent voter ballot to the clerk's office before 4:00 p.m. on election day.
- Emergency ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on election day.

How do I return my absent voter ballot application?

- Public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or other common carrier.
- Personally deliver it to your clerk or an assistant of the clerk.
- Have an immediate family member mail or deliver it to the clerk or an assistant of the clerk.
- Have another person living in your household mail or deliver it to the clerk or an assistant of the clerk.
- If none of the above are available to you, another registered voter may deliver your application to the clerk but must sign an authorizing certificate.

For more information visit the Secretary of State's Web site at: www.Michigan.gov/sos

The following features may be of interest:

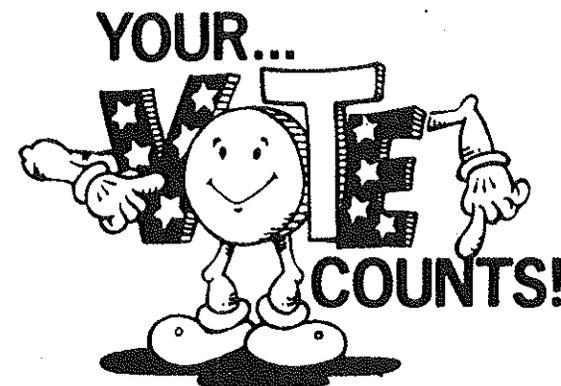
- Michigan Voter Information Center Web site (www.Michigan.gov/vote): Allows voters to confirm their registration status, locate their polling place or local clerk's office and learn how to cast a ballot. Voters can also view the ballot they will vote on election day.
- Campaign Finance Statements Online: Offers access to campaign finance reports and data filed by candidates, PACs and political organizations.

2014

★ Voter ★ Information

From the office of:

Cynthia A. Luczak
County Clerk
Bay County



POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. - CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

REGISTER AND VOTE

PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

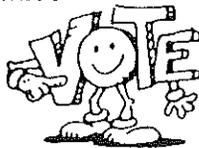
IN 2014 VOTERS THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN WILL ELECT:

- Governor, Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- U.S. Senator (1 seat)
- U.S. Representative in Congress (all 14 districts)
- State Senator (all 38 districts)
- State Representative (all 110 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
- Specified County, City, Township and Village Offices
- 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 Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
- Armed Forces Recruiters

How do I register to vote by mail?

- Mail-in registration forms are available on the Michigan Voter Information Center Web site (www.michigan.gov/vote).

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 a city or township, you must update your address. This can be handled through your local clerk, at a Secretary of State office, Express SOS online (www.ExpressSOS.com), by mail or at any other location where voter registrations are accepted.
- Whenever you move to a new city or township, you must re-register to vote.
- 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.



Change of name?

- For any name change due to marriage or legal action please visit a Secretary of State Branch Office. Documented proof of the name change will be required. Additional information is also available on the Michigan Secretary of State Web site (www.michigan.gov/sos).



REGISTRATION CLOSES:

- For the August 5th Primary Election in 2014, the last day for registration is July 7th, during regular business hours. For the November 4th General Election in 2014, 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. You can also visit the Michigan Voter Information Center Web site (www.michigan.gov/vote).

Then what?

- The first step in casting a ballot involves entering your name, current address, date of birth and signature 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 marks 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:

- State and Federal Law requires that every precinct be made accessible to voters who are disabled and all persons over 60 years of age.
- A voter-assist terminal is available for use by voters who are disabled. This ballot-marking device is designed to permit 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.