DETAILED CALENDAR FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS

-- 2016 ELECTION DATES --
AUGUST 2 PRIMARY
NOVEMBER 8 GENERAL ELECTION

All listed dates are in 2016 unless otherwise specified. Refer to Michigan compiled law for cited provisions (www.michiganlegislature.org.) Dates are subject to change through legislative action. If any errors are found, it is the law, itself, which must be followed.

By Jan. 5	City and township election commissions finalize precinct boundaries for 2016 election cycle. (168.661)
By Jan. 31	Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close Dec. 31, 2015.
By Feb. 4	Last date precinct boundary alterations made for 2016 election cycle can go into effect. (168.661)
By March 1	Republican and Democratic state party chairpersons notify county and district committee chairs of county convention delegate (precinct delegate) allocation requirements. (168.623a)
By 5:00 p.m., March 21	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 24. (168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c, 467d)
By April 1	County political party chairpersons certify number of delegates per precinct to county election commissions. (168.623a)
By April 4	Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for the August primary. (168.684)
By 4:00 p.m., April 19	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, and District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on April 22. (168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b, 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., April 19	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 22. (168.53, 93, 133, 163 for federal and state-level offices; assorted other statutes for local offices)
By April 25	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (168.321, 349)

By April 26	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by partisan and nonpartisan candidates submitted to filing official. (168.552)
By April 26	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
April 29	Last date a recall petition can be filed in order for recall question to appear on August primary ballot. (168.963)
By 4:00 p.m., May 3	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 6. (168.624, 624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 10, 2016	Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 13. (389.83)
By May 10	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
By May 31	Board of State Canvassers complete canvass of nominating petitions filed by candidates for the August primary; Secretary of State certifies candidates eligible to appear on August primary ballot to county election commissions by June 3. (168.552)
By 5:00 p.m., June 1	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to initiate legislation filed with the Secretary of State (252,523 valid signatures required). (168.471)
June 3	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the August primary. (168.662)
By June 3	Republican and Democratic Parties call fall state conventions. (168.591)
By June 3	Ballot wording for constitutional amendments and legislative referendums, which the legislature wishes to place on the August primary ballot, presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By June 18	Delivery of military and overseas AV ballots must begin for the August election by this date. All requests received since November 4, 2015 from a military or overseas voter must be honored for all 2016 elections. (168.759a)
By June 18	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for the August primary to local clerks. (168.714)
By June 18	County committees of Republican and Democratic Parties call county conventions. (168.592)

June 23 through July 12	Precinct inspectors for August primary appointed by city and township election commissions. (168.674)
By June 28	Notice of close of registration for August primary published. (168.498)
By 5:00 p.m., July 5	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Candidacy forms for the November general election. (168.392a, 558)
July 5	Last day to register for August primary. (168.497)
By July 8	Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for November general election. (168.684)
By 5:00 p.m., July 11	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to amend the State Constitution filed with the Secretary of State (315,654 valid signatures required). (168.471)
By 4:00 p.m., July 21	District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. (A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) (Special note: If district library <u>includes</u> a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on August 16) (397.181)
By 4:00 p.m., July 21	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions and Affidavit of Identity for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 25. (168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., July 21	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (31,566 valid signatures required). (168.685)
By 4:00 p.m., July 22	Write-in candidates other than write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (168.737a)
By July 22	Pre-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close July 17.
By July 23	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for August primary to local clerks. (168.714)
By 4:00 p.m., July 26	Local School Board candidates, Community College Trustee candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. (A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 29. Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file by 4:00 p.m. on May 10.) (168.303; 389.83, 152)
By 4:00 p.m., July 26	Village candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 29. (168.381)
By July 26	Notice of August primary published. (168.653a)

By July 28	Challenges against qualifying petitions filed by candidates without political party affiliation submitted to filing official. (168.552)
By July 28	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation to county clerk. (168.321, 349)
By July 28	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 4:00 p.m., July 29	Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms with the city or township clerk for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., July 30	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the August primary by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., August 1	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for August primary may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
By August 2	Minor parties hold county caucuses; notify county clerk of nominated candidates within one business day after caucus. (168.686a)
By August 2	Minor parties hold state conventions; notify Secretary of State of nominated candidates within one business day after convention. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (168.686a)
By Aug. 2	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
Up to 4:00 p.m., August 2	Emergency absentee voting for August primary. (168.759b)
August 2	**AUGUST PRIMARY**
1:00 p.m., August 3	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (168.821)
August 5	Last date a recall petition can be filed in order for recall question to appear on November general election ballot. (168.963)
By Aug. 9	County clerks notify precinct delegates elected at August primary; certify delegate names and addresses to chairpersons of county committees. (168.608)

By 4:00 p.m., August 16	District Library Board candidates (library in districts that include a school district) who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. (A $100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on August 19. (Special note: If district library does not include a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on July 21.) (397.181)
By Aug. 16	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of August primary; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (168.581, 822, 828)
By Aug. 16	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
By Aug. 22	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (168.581)
Aug. 10 through Aug. 27	Republican and Democratic Parties hold fall county conventions. (168.592)
By Sept. 1	Post-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close Aug. 22.
By Sept. 9	Republican and Democratic Parties hold fall state conventions. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (168.591)
Sept. 9	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the November general election. (168.662)
By Sept. 9	Ballot wording for constitutional amendments and legislative referendums, which the legislature wishes to place on the November general election ballot, presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By Sept. 24	Delivery of military and overseas AV ballots must begin for the November election by this date. All requests received since November 4, 2015 from a military or overseas voter must be honored for all 2016 elections. (168.759a)
By Sept. 24	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for November general election to local clerks. (168.714)
Sept. 29 through Oct. 18	Precinct inspectors for November general election appointed by city and township election commissions. (168.674)
By Oct. 4	Notice of close of registration for November general election published. (168.498)

Oct. 11	Last date to register for November general election. (168.497)
By Oct. 28	Pre-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close Oct. 23.
By 4:00 p.m., Oct. 28	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (168.737a)
By Oct. 29	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for November general election to local clerks. (168.714)
By Nov. 1	Notice of November general election published. (168.653a)
By Nov. 3	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 2:00 p.m., Nov. 5	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the November general election by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 7	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for November general election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 8	Emergency absentee voting for November general election. (168.759b)
Nov. 8	**NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION**
1:00 p.m., Nov. 9	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (168.821)
By Nov. 22	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of November general election; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (168.822, 828)
By Nov. 28	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (168.842)
By Nov. 28	Political parties in counties of less than 1.5 million hold county conventions; within 30 days after conventions, officers of county committees are selected. (168.599)
By Dec. 8	Post-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close Nov. 28.
Jan. 2, 2017 through Feb. 15, 2017	Executive committees appoint county committees in counties under 1.5 million. (168.599)
By Jan. 31, 2017	Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close Dec. 31, 2016.