STATE OF MICHIGAN
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March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary
-- Dates and Deadlines --

Refer to Michigan election law (MCL 168.1-992) for referenced statutory provisions.

By 4:00 p.m., November 13, 2015	Secretary of State issues a "list of the individuals generally advocated by the national news media" as potential Republican Party and Democratic Party presidential nominees. (614a)
By 4:00 p.m., November 17, 2015	State chairpersons of the Republican Party and Democratic Party submit a list to the Secretary of State of individuals their respective parties view as potential presidential nominees. (614a)
November 18, 2015	Secretary of State notifies potential presidential nominees of legal provisions relating to Michigan's presidential primary. (614a)
By 4:00 p.m., December 11, 2015	Potential presidential nominees appearing on lists compiled by Secretary of State and state party chairpersons who do not wish to have their names printed on Michigan's presidential primary ballot or who wish to change their political party affiliation file an affidavit with the Secretary of State. (615a)
By 4:00 p.m., December 11, 2015	Individuals not listed as potential presidential nominees by Secretary of State or state party chairpersons who wish to appear on Michigan's presidential primary ballot file a nominating petition with the Secretary of State. (615a) (Petitions cannot be circulated prior to October 1, 2015. Signature requirements: Republican Party candidate: 10,577; Democratic Party candidate: 12,823).

By 4:00 p.m., December 15, 2015	Ballot wording of proposals to be presented at the presidential primary certified to proper clerk; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (646a)
January 8, 2016	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on presidential primary ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By January 23, 2016	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to absent voters. (714)
By January 23, 2016	Clerks shall electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each UOCAVA/MOVE voter (i.e., military or overseas voter) who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election. (759a)
January 28, 2016 through February 16, 2016	Local election commissions appoint precinct inspectors for presidential primary. (674)
By February 1, 2016	Notice of close of registration for presidential primary published. (498)
February 8, 2016	Last date to register for presidential primary. (498)
By 4:00 p.m., February 26, 2016	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (737a)
February 26, 2016	Deadline for filing Pre-Special Election Campaign Statements (closing date of February 21, 2016).
By February 27, 2016	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for presidential primary to local clerks. (714)
By March 1, 2016	Notice of presidential primary published. (653a)
By March 3, 2016	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (798)
By 2:00 p.m., March 5, 2016	Deadline for electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot by mail must submit applications. (759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., March 7, 2016	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., March 8, 2016	Emergency absentee voting for election. (759b)

March 8, 2016	Presidential Primary (613a)
1:00 p.m., March 9, 2016	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass presidential primary. (821)
By March 22, 2016	Boards of County Canvassers complete canvass of presidential primary; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (581, 822, 828)
By March 28, 2016	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass presidential primary. (581)
April 7, 2016	Deadline for filing Post-Special Election Campaign Statements (closing date of March 28, 2016).
By June 6, 2016	County, city and township clerks submit reimbursement requests with verified costs for the conduct of the presidential primary. (624g)