

VOTE

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YOUR GUIDE

TO REGISTERING AND VOTING IN MICHIGAN

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**Presidential
Primary Election:**
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

**May
Special Election:**
Tuesday, May 5, 2020

**August
Primary Election:**
Tuesday, Aug 4, 2020

**November
General Election:**
Tuesday, Nov 3, 2020

OTHER VOTING OPTIONS

Who is eligible for an absent voter ballot:

Due to the passage of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3 in November, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

How to request an absentee ballot

- ★ Download an application at michigan.gov/vote.
- ★ Ask your township or city clerk's office to mail an application.
- ★ Write a letter to your township or city clerk requesting a ballot and sign your request .

Signed applications may be emailed or faxed to your township or city clerk as well.

Remember, your clerk cannot mail a ballot after 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.

Return your ballot by Election Day!

When you return your ballot:

- ★ Return it by 8 p.m. to your township or city clerk's office.
- ★ Sign the return envelope.
- ★ If someone assisted you, have the assistant sign in the appropriate box.
- ★ **Allow at least 5 business days when mailing.**

Only you, someone in your family (or living in your household), the mail carrier or an election official can deliver your absentee ballot to the clerk's office.

What if my address changed?

Once you are registered to vote, the only time you need to update your voter registration is when you move.

Update your registration at:

- ★ **ExpressSOS.com.**
- ★ A Secretary of State office.
- ★ Your township or city clerk's office.

Michigan law requires that the address on your driver's license or state ID card match the address on your voter registration.

If you have moved to a new address in your township or city and did not update your address, you may vote one last time at your old precinct.

If you have moved to a new township or city and did not update your address, you can vote one last time at your old precinct **if your move took place within 60 days of Election Day.**

Find more information at michigan.gov/vote

At the Michigan Voter Information Center you may:

- ★ View your sample ballot.
- ★ Find your polling place.
- ★ Track your absentee ballot.
- ★ Contact your local clerk.
- ★ Download a voter registration form.
- ★ Obtain an absentee ballot application.
- ★ Check to see if you are a registered voter.
- ★ Find answers to other election questions.



PREPARING TO VOTE

Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Where do I vote?

Find your polling place by:

- ★ Checking your voter identification card.
- ★ Looking it up at michigan.gov/vote.
- ★ Calling your township or city clerk.

What is on my ballot?

View a sample ballot at michigan.gov/vote.

Do I need to show ID?

The following are accepted as picture ID when registering to vote or voting:

- ★ Michigan driver's license or state ID card.
- ★ Driver's license or state ID from another state.
- ★ Federal or state government-issued photo ID.
- ★ U.S. passport.
- ★ Military ID card with photo.
- ★ Tribal ID card with photo.
- ★ Student ID card with photo from high school or accredited college or university.

**You may also sign a document (an affidavit) confirming that you do not have ID. You will then be allowed to register to vote or vote.*

VOTING AT THE POLLS

What do I do on Election Day?

- 1) Sign in - Provide your name, address, date of birth and picture identification.
- 2) Verify Registration - An election inspector will match the information you provided with the registration list.
- 3) Obtain Ballot - An election inspector will give you a ballot and direct you to a voting booth
- 4) Vote your ballot - Completely fill in the ovals or boxes. Only vote for the number of candidates allowed. Ask for help if you make a mistake or have questions.
- 5) Tabulate your ballot - Complete your ballot, place it in the secrecy sleeve and go to the ballot tabulator. After the numbered ballot tab has been removed by a poll worker, insert your ballot into the tabulator.

What if I need assistance?

If needed, you may seek assistance by:

- ★ Using special voting equipment that allows you to vote without assistance.
- ★ Bringing someone you know with you but not an officer or representative from your employer or union.
- ★ Requesting two poll workers assist you.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

To register to vote, you must be all of the following:

- ★ A US citizen.
- ★ At least 18 by Election Day.
- ★ A resident of Michigan.
- ★ A resident of the city or township where you are applying to register to vote.

Eligible citizens may become registered to vote in a variety of ways, at any time through election day.

How do I register to vote?

Up through 15th day prior to election:

- ★ In person at your township or city clerk's office or any Secretary of State office. Other state agencies also offer voter registration.
- ★ Online at michigan.gov/vote.

Starting 14th day prior to election:

- ★ Voter must register in person with local clerk with residency verification in order to vote in next election. Mail-in registrants must be notified to apply in person.

Election Day:

- ★ Voter must register in person with local clerk with residency verification.

Michigan law states that the same address must be used for voter registration and driver's license purposes.

What if I'm in the military or living out of the country?

Download the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form at fvap.gov. This form allows you to register and request an absentee ballot.