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**Know Your Voting Rights**  
MichiganVoting.org  
Election Protection Hotline for Michigan  
855-I-VOTE-MI (855-486-8364)

## CURRENT VOTING LAWS IN MICHIGAN

**WHO CAN VOTE? You are eligible to vote if**

- A Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)
- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison



**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? You can register to vote at any time up to 8 pm on Election Day with **proof of residency** (any of the following)**

- Michigan driver’s license or State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

**Visit  
VOTE411.org  
to see your  
candidates &  
issues before  
you vote.**

**WANT TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT? All registered voters are eligible.**

- Request an absentee ballot through an application
- Absentee ballots are available 40 days prior to election (Sept 18)
- You can request, vote & return your absentee ballot in one visit to your clerk’s office – check for hours of operation – before Election Day
- Return absentee ballots by 8 p.m. on election day (Nov 2)
- Military and overseas voters can vote absentee

**Not sure if  
you are  
registered?**

**Go to  
www.mi.gov/  
vote**

**Help your community: Be a Poll Worker!  
Contact a local clerk’s office near you!**

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO MICHIGAN'S VOTING LAWS

### State Legislature Proposes Voting Changes

Over 200 bills introduced to change election law in Michigan:

- Stricter voter ID requirements
- More identifying information requested
- Increased requirements for signature verification

### Secure MI Vote Proposed Initiated Law: (Gathering signatures now)

- **Mandate** that people disclose partial Social Security numbers when registering to vote
- **Restrict** options for registered voters to verify their identity. Acceptable forms of photo ID would include: driver license, state ID card, passport, military ID, tribal ID or student ID issued by a university, junior college or community college, or get provisional ballot
- **Require** voters applying for an absentee ballot to include their driver license or state ID number, along with the last four digits of their Social Security number, on application
- **Prohibit** election officials from sending/providing absentee applications unless asked
- Spend \$ 3 million providing free photo ID to those who demonstrate need
- **Ban** charitable contributions, including volunteer time, to help administer elections; and
- Allow the Legislature to adopt the legislation **without a vote of the people** and block a peoples' referendum vote after adoption.

### Federal Proposed Legislation

- For the People Act
- John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act
- Freedom to Vote Act

Updates at [www.lwvmi.org](http://www.lwvmi.org)

Resources:

[www.michiganvoting.org](http://www.michiganvoting.org)<sup>[BC1]</sup>