



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Promote the Vote 2022?

- Promote the Vote 2022 is a constitutional amendment that protects the fundamental right to vote.
- PTV 2022 ensures eligible voters can make their voice heard and every vote will be counted regardless of where we live, what we look like or what candidate or political party we support.
- PTV 2022 will also enhance the integrity and security of our elections by modernizing how we administer elections and make our elections more accessible and convenient.

### What are the key provisions of Promote the Vote 2022?

- If enacted, Promote the Vote 2022 would:
  - ✓ Recognize the fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct so voters can vote free from intimidation and interference.
  - ✓ Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by Election Day.
  - ✓ Provide voters the right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement.
  - ✓ Allow voters to request an absentee ballot by mail for all future elections.
  - ✓ Require secure drop boxes and robust absentee ballot tracking.
  - ✓ Require election audits be conducted in public, by state and county election officials, based on established guidelines to promote accuracy and transparency.
  - ✓ Require nine days of in-person, early voting.
  - ✓ Require canvassing boards to certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.
- For the full language of the proposal please visit <https://promotethevote2022.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Petition-from-SOS-site.pdf>

### **Is the Promote the Vote 2022 ballot initiative partisan?**

- No.
- Promote the Vote 2022 ensures all Michigan voters will have their voices heard and vote counted no matter what political party or candidate you support.
- For a list of our current supporters please visit <https://promotethevote2022.com/partners/>

### **Who supports this proposal?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 enjoys support from a broad and diverse coalition of nonpartisan organizations.
- Some early supporters include the League of Women Voters, Michigan Farmers Union, Voters Not Politicians, the NAACP, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters and more.
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### **How many petition signatures are required to get on the ballot?**

- A total of 425,059 valid Michigan voter signatures are due by July 11, 2022 to place Promote the Vote 2022 on the November ballot.

### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 collect the necessary signatures?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 is working with a robust network of statewide volunteers as well as paid petition circulators to gather the necessary signatures by the deadline.
- Promote the Vote 2022's coalition of grassroots partners have extensive experience collecting petition signatures.

### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 make elections more secure?**

- The Promote the Vote 2022 ballot initiative will enhance the integrity and security of our elections by modernizing how we administer elections to ensure every vote counts and every eligible voter can vote without harassment, intimidation or interference.
- The proposal requires the identity of each voter be verified prior to counting their vote, whether they are voting in person or by mail, and requires Michigan to have a statewide system for voters to track their absentee ballot.
- The proposal ensures the result of all elections in Michigan are determined based on the votes cast.

### **How does this proposal make our elections more accessible?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 will make voting more accessible, convenient and secure, especially for working parents, military families who move frequently or get deployed overseas, elderly voters, voters with disabilities and rural voters who live or work far from their polling location.
- The proposal would require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by Election Day and received within six days.
- Promote the Vote 2022 also establish barrier free absentee and early voting and requires secure drop boxes to promote accessibility, choice and convenience.

### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 ensure Michigan elections are free from interference, harassment, and intimidation?**

- The ballot initiative will amend the Michigan Constitution to expressly protect voting as a fundamental right and prohibit interference with the right to vote.
- Promote the Vote 2022 will prohibit harassing, threatening or intimidating conduct that interferes with the right to vote.

### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 help military and overseas voters make their voice heard at the ballot box?**

- Military and overseas voters face challenges getting their completed absentee ballot back to their clerk in time to be counted.
- More than half the states in this country provide more time after Election Day for military and overseas voters ballots to arrive and be counted.
- Promote the Vote 2022 will require the absentee ballots of military and overseas voters be counted if postmarked by Election Day and received within six days.
- When the vote of a military or overseas voter isn't counted, their voice is excluded and that hurts our democracy.

### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 impact voters' access to absentee voting?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 will provide eligible voters the right to a single application to vote absentee in all elections.
- It will also ensure equal access to a secure drop box or postage to return your ballot, and create a robust absentee ballot tracking system.

### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 ensure identity verification of each voter?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 ensures voters verify their identity prior to their vote being counted, whether they vote by mail or in person.
- Promote the Vote 2022's identity verification system for in person voting requires a voter to provide photo identification or sign a legal affidavit.

- This requirement is comparable to or stricter than 42 other states and DC.
- Promote the Vote 2022's identity verification system for voting by mail requires voters to submit a signed a legal document with their completed ballot and requires election officials to compare the signature with those on file for the voter.
- This requirement is comparable to or stricter than 33 other states and DC.

#### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 improve future audits of Michigan elections?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 will ensure that election audits are conducted in public and all funding for election audits is publicly disclosed.
- The ballot initiative will also ensure that ballots and other election materials remain securely in the control of election officials and that political parties play no role in conducting election audits.

#### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 implement in person, early voting?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 will require a minimum of nine days of in person, early voting prior to all statewide and federal elections. This will include two weekends, increasing access and convenience for all Michigan voters.
- In person, early voting allows voters to put their completed ballot into a tabulator which has a similar look and feel to voting like at your polling location on Election Day.
- The initiative allows local communities to work together to provide in person, early voting at a convenient location in your community.
- The ballot initiative prohibits generating or reporting the results of ballots cast early until after 8 p.m. on Election Day.

#### **How will Promote the Vote 2022 ensure Michigan elections are determined solely based on the votes cast by eligible voters in that election?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 requires canvassing boards to certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

#### **Why does Promote the Vote 2022 amend the Michigan Constitution?**

- The fundamental right to have your voice heard and vote counted regardless of what candidate we support, where we live or what we look like is essential to our democracy.
- The right to vote is critical to guaranteeing all our other rights and should be protected in our Michigan Constitution.

### **Why is Promote the Vote 2022 the proposal Michigan needs?**

- Promote the Vote 2022 was developed in consultation with voters and election officials.
- It contains common-sense policies to make our voting system both more accessible and more secure, which is what the voters of Michigan want and deserve.
- Promote the Vote 2022 will make voting more accessible for military and overseas voters and provide expanded access to absentee and early voting.
- Promote the Vote 2022 will also make voting more secure by ensuring Michigan elections are determined solely based on the votes cast, providing absentee ballot tracking and secure drop boxes, and prohibiting election audits from being directed by political parties.

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