

# Voter Information 2022

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**Vote411.org** Online Nonpartisan Voter's Guide

## VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY by ABSENTEE BALLOT

- **No reason needed.** Request (by phone, letter, etc.) and submit an application from your local clerk or download one at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) and mail/deliver to your local clerk. You can track your application and ballot at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).
- **IN PERSON** - Vote the absentee ballot and submit in person OR take the ballot home, mark the ballot, and return it to the city or township clerk's office.

It is possible for a person, with appropriate proof of residency, to register, get an absentee ballot, and vote all in the same day in your clerk's office.

- **BY MAIL / FROM HOME** – Vote the absentee ballot and use the provided envelope to mail (1<sup>st</sup> class postage required) to your city/township clerk's office. Your ballot must be **received** by 8 pm on Election Day. Allow a week.

Be sure to follow all instructions and don't forget to sign the return envelope!

- Voters may sign up to be placed on a permanent absent voter application list in most municipalities.
- Your signature should match your signature on file. If your signature has changed, consider asking for a new one to be put on file.

### Do I need a photo ID to vote?

No. But if you have it, bring it with you and provide it to the poll worker. You will be asked for photo ID when you go vote. If you do not have photo ID or do not have it with you, you can sign a simple form and vote.

### Accessibility

- Any voter may vote by Absentee Ballot.
- Every location **MUST** have a Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) that has many options to help you vote. You have a right to assistance from the election officials.
- If you have a concern about accessibility on Election Day, you should contact your clerk's office prior to that day.
- You may bring someone with you to help with language or accessibility who is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer/agent of your union.

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# Voting Rights

## How do I register?

In person at any Secretary of State office or your city/township or county clerk's office. To find your clerk, go to [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote)

By mail: complete a voter registration application and mail to your local clerk.

Online at [www.mi.gov/VoterRegistration](http://www.mi.gov/VoterRegistration)

When applying for services at state agencies that provide public assistance

At a voter registration drive

Am I already registered? You can check at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) or [www.mvic.sos.state.mi.us](http://www.mvic.sos.state.mi.us) (on a device).

### You can register to vote if:

- You are a U.S. citizen;
- You are (or will be) a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you want to register to vote for at least 30 days by Election Day;
- You are 18 years old or will be by Election Day; and
- You are not serving a sentence in jail or prison

### What if I'm a student?

- You can register to vote either at your school address or your home address—depending on what address you consider to be your residence.
- Your residence is where you habitually sleep, keep your belongings and have a regular place of lodging. This includes students from out-of-state.
- Michigan requires your voter address and license/state ID address to match. If you already have a Michigan ID and you register to vote at a different address, you will receive a change of address sticker to affix to your license/ID.

### What if I am incarcerated or have been convicted of a crime?

- Only persons who are currently incarcerated and serving a sentence for a misdemeanor or felony conviction are prohibited from voting.
- You can register and vote if you are on probation or parole.
- Your right to vote is automatically restored when you are released from incarceration. However, it will be restored at the address you were previously registered to vote; for many, voting will require you to file a change of address.

### What about someone who is homeless?

- You don't need a home to register, but you do need to identify an address for mail, and a location you consider a place of residence; it can be a street corner, a park, a shelter or any other place where you usually stay.

- **Citizens may register to vote right up to and including Election Day**

NOTE: From the 14<sup>th</sup> day before and through Election Day at 8 pm (last 2 weeks before the Election) it must be in person in your clerk's office.

- **Voting Before Election Day by Absentee Ballot for ALL registered voters**
- **Online voter registration** [www.Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration](http://www.Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration)
- **Automatic Voter Registration** for those with a state ID/driver's license
- **Straight party voting as an option**
- **Mandated Election Audits** (Statewide elections)
- **Military/Overseas ballots** (45 days prior to Election Day)
- **Secret Ballot** guaranteed
- **Clerk Offices Open** for 8 hours the weekend before Election Day

## How to Get Information or Help

- **Michiganvoting.org** in English, Spanish, Arabic
  - Michigan Voter Information Center [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)
  - Your local or county clerk's office
  - The League of Women Voters, ACLU, NAACP or other voter advocacy group
  - **www.VOTE411.org** – Online **nonpartisan** voter's guide; what's on your ballot; Printed State Voter Guides for the November 8 General Election will be widely distributed.
  - **Election Protection Hotline**: 866OurVote.org
- 866-OUR-VOTE (English) 866-687-8683; 888-VE-Y-VOTA (Spanish) 888-839-8682  
844-YALLA-US (Arabic); 844-925-5287; 888-API-VOTE (Asian Languages) 888-274-8683

Phone lines are always open, including on Election Day