



Seven Things You Can Do to Protect Democracy and Get Out the Vote



Protecting Democracy Starts With Knowing Michigan's New Voting Rights

23 “pro voter”
bills passed
between July 1
and
November 7,
2023

- Legislation was passed to codify the passage of Proposal 2 in 2022 (“Promote the Vote”)
- Bills are “pro-voter” providing better voter access and convenience
- Improves election security
- Protects election workers from intimidation and harassment
- Be the ‘expert’ when friends and family discuss these new rights.

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Work at the Polls!

- Be a Poll Worker: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/pollworker>
 - Best way to learn about elections
 - You get paid!
- Be a Poll Watcher
 - Observe and report
 - Sign up with a party or organization
- Be a Poll Challenger
 - Training required
 - Sign up with a party or organization
 - Choose group wisely



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Hop in!

People can now legally take other voters to the polls in Michigan.

- 1891 law made it a misdemeanor to provide transportation to the polls.
- Ban was repealed in 2023 via HB 4568.
- Partner with a political party or church group.
- Or offer to take a neighbor.



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Share good information



On Social Media –

- Join pro-democracy groups and share messages and graphics
 - League of Women Voters of Michigan (or local chapter)
 - ACLU of Michigan
 - Michigan Secretary of State's Office
 - Promote the Vote MI
 - APIA Vote
 - NAACP Michigan
- **SHARE** the good information to your networks
- **NEVER** engage with those sharing bad information

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Write a letter!

- Local papers with local references are best
- Make sure your facts are correct
- Reference non-partisan sources of good information:
 - MichiganVoting.org
 - LWVMI.org
 - ACLUmich.org
 - Michigan.gov/sos/elections





Be able to defend security

- Michigan has passed laws that make our elections some of the most secure in the country.
- Polling sites are NOT connected to the internet.
- Michigan has both a computerized counting system and a paper ballot system that must match.
- Voters must sign an “application” at the polls or when requesting absentee ballot. Felony charges can be brought to those who falsify.
- Every county has a bi-partisan canvassing board which has a clear duty to certify elections based on the official records of votes cast.

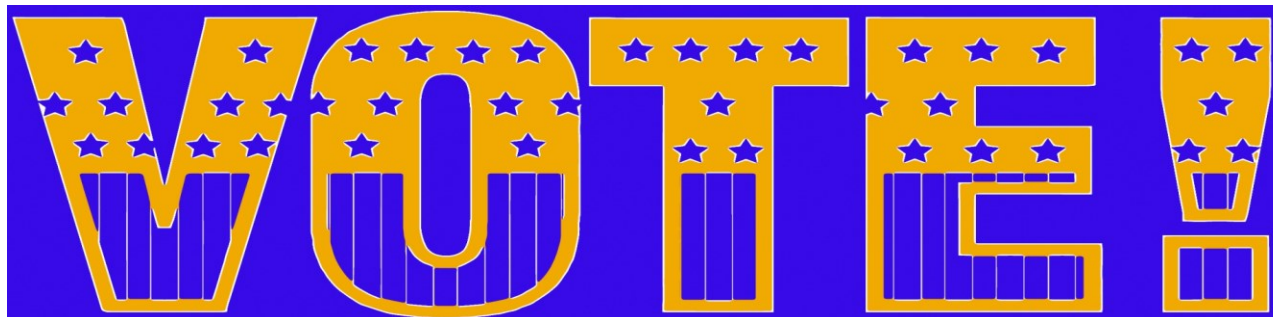




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Vote

- No act is more democratic than voting
- Embrace the privilege in the USA of participating in your local, county and state governments.
- Convince friends and family to vote. Mention issues that will affect them.
- Get educated about your ballot. Visit the League's online, non-partisan voter guide for information about local, county state and national candidates and proposals: [VOTE411](#).
- Local elections matter!
- Primary elections matter!
- Greater voting participation makes a stronger democracy!



Summary

1. Know Voting Rights
2. Work at the Polls
3. Help Voters Get To the Polls
4. Share Good Info on Social Media
5. Letters to the Editor
6. Security – Be Able to Defend It
7. Vote





For more information:

LWVMI.org