

**LWW** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF MICHIGAN



*Know What You Sign!*





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The League of Women Voters was officially founded in Chicago in 1920, just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified and women gained the right to vote.

Formed by the suffragists of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.



# Mission, Vision, and Value

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- **Mission:** Empowering voters. Defending democracy.
- **Vision:** We envision a pluralistic, multi-racial democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.
- **Value:** We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.



## LWV is Nonpartisan

The League has a proud reputation of being nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.



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# Citizen Initiated Ballot Proposals

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- In Michigan, citizens have the power to propose new laws or constitutional amendments through the initiative petition process, a form of direct democracy that lets voters shape state policy outside the legislature.
- Michigan is one of only 15 states that allows citizens to:
  - Propose statutory changes (initiatives)
  - Invoke referendums to repeal laws passed by the legislature
  - Propose constitutional amendments



# Signature Requirements for 2024-2026 Cycles



**Constitutional Amendments:** Must collect signatures equal to 10% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election.

446,198 signatures required



**Initiate New or Amend Existing Legislation:** Must collect signatures equal to 8% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. 356,958 signatures required



**Referendum:** Must collect signatures equal to 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. 223,099

# Michigan Constitutional Convention

- The initiative to hold a state constitutional convention automatically appears on the state's ballot every 16 years.
- Enshrined in the Michigan Constitution's [Article XII, Section 3](#).
- Ballot Wording: Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2027 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?
- No signature requirement

# Americans for Citizen Voting #1

A constitutional amendment to:

- Require Secretary of State to verify and document citizenship of all registered voters.
- New registrations: Proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, and/or other documents).
- Eliminate affidavit alternative for voters without photo ID.
- Require photo-ID or partial social security number to vote absentee.
- Subject violators to fine and/or imprisonment
- Needs 446,198 valid signatures by 7/6/2026



# Americans for Citizen Voting #2

A constitutional amendment to:

- Require citizenship verification for all voters (birth certificate, passport and/or other documents).
- Remove non-citizens after notice and 45-day rebuttal.
- Beginning 11/2/27, prohibit counting ballots for voters with unverified citizenship unless documents shown to election administrator within 6 days post-election.
- Eliminate affidavit alternative for voters without photo-ID.
- Require photo-ID or partial social security number to vote absentee.
- Subject violators to fine and/or imprisonment
- Needs 446,198 signatures by 7/6/26



# Protect Voters' Rights

A constitutional amendment to:

- Require Secretary of State to verify citizenship of all registered voters.
- Remove non-citizens using governmental records.
- Prohibit counting ballots from voters with unverified citizenship unless voters show documents to Secretary within 6 days post-election.
- New registrations: Proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, and/or other documents).
- Eliminate affidavit alternative for voters without photo-ID
- Subject violators to fine and/or imprisonment
- Needs 446,198 valid signatures by 7/6/2026



# AxMITax

A constitutional amendment to:

- Eliminate all commercial and residential property taxes in Michigan.
- This would cut funding for services like schools, libraries, parks, emergency services, and more.
- To offset the loss, increase the share of state sales, income, and excise taxes going to local governments.
- Sets new rules for raising local and state taxes
- Needs 446,198 valid signatures by 7/6/2026

# Michiganders for Money Out of Politics

An initiative to:

- Ban political contributions from regulated monopoly utilities, such as DTE and Consumers Energy, as well as corporations that seek or hold large state and local government contracts;
- Expand campaign finance rules to cover messages that name candidates or ballot issues, even if they don't advocate voting for/against them.
- Needs 356,958 valid signatures by 5/27/2026

# Identification of Petition Sponsor

The petition sheet must include, in 8-point type, the name and address of the person, group or organization paying for the printing of the petition form, preceded by the words: "Paid for with regulated funds by \_\_\_\_\_." MCL 169.247.



The circulator of this petition is a (mark one):  paid signature gatherer  volunteer signature gatherer.  
 If the petition circulator does not comply with all of the requirements of the Michigan election law for petition circulators, any signature obtained by that petition circulator on that petition is invalid and will not be counted.

## INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Constitutional amendment to: require individuals to verify United States citizenship during voter registration; require photo ID for in-person voters; allow voters without photo ID or citizenship verification to vote by presenting ID or verifying citizenship within 6 days after election; provide free photo ID and proof of citizenship to hardship applicants; require driver's license, state-ID, partial social security numbers, or photo ID when applying for and voting by absentee ballot; require secretary of state to verify citizenship during voter registration, verify citizenship of registered voters.

For the full text of proposed Article 2, see the Michigan Constitution.

**WARNING - A person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.**

SIGNATURE	DATE	ADDRESS	CITY/TOWNSHIP	STATE	ZIP
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### CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross or check mark in the box provided. Otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

**WARNING - A circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.**

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**CIRCULATOR - Do not sign or date certificate until after circulating petition.**

(Signature of Circulator) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name of Circulator) \_\_\_\_\_

(Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) Do not enter a post office box \_\_\_\_\_

(City or Township, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan) \_\_\_\_\_



# *Know What You Sign!*

## When Signing a Ballot Proposal Petition



What is said in **PETITIONS** and about them, can be misleading and confusing. Be certain you know exactly what the ballot proposal will do and how it will affect you.

Use the QR code for information about  
the 2026 Ballot Proposals.  
Or use this link: [lwvmi.org](http://lwvmi.org)



# Additional Resources

- Michigan Board of State Canvassers  
[Michigan.gov/sos/elections/bsc](https://michigan.gov/sos/elections/bsc)
- Vote411  
[vote411.org](https://vote411.org)
- Michigan Voter Information Center  
[Michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote)
- League of Women Voters of Michigan  
[lwvmi.org](https://lwvmi.org)
- Petition Manual Resource  
[Michigan.gov/sos](https://michigan.gov/sos) search: Ballot Proposal Petition Manual



*why you should*

# JOIN THE LEAGUE

LWV

*empower voters to  
exercise their right to vote*

*protect  
voting rights*

*advocate for  
positive change*

*make lifelong friends! ♥*

- Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all who are age 16 years and older.
- Joining automatically confers membership at the local, state and national levels.
- Membership provides the opportunity to be actively involved in local, state and national issues.
- Go to [lwvgrossepointe.org](http://lwvgrossepointe.org) and select the Join option.

# Questions?