

Statewide Ballot Proposals and Election Information: What You Need to Know



What is the League of Women Voters?

- **Non-Partisan:** Never supports or opposes any candidates or political parties
- **Education:** Informs voters on election issues.
- **Advocacy:** Responds to public policy issues.
- **Volunteer-Led:** 107 years of service nationwide.

What is On The Statewide Ballot?

U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate
Governor/Lt. Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State



MI Supreme Court
University Boards
State Senator
State Representative
2 Ballot Proposals

What Else May Be On The Ballot?

Local Elections

- City Officials
- School Boards
- Possibly Local Ballot Proposals



Started out with 8 petition drives!

Statewide Petition Status 2025-2026

Current as of 8/31/26

Petition name	Petition type	Status	Final 483a filing date	Board approved date	Withdrawn	Required signatures	Signatures submitted date	Sample posted date
AxMITax	Constitutional Amendment	Board Approved Form and Summary	10/24/2024	12/2/2024		446,198		
Protect Voters Rights	Constitutional Amendment	Board Approved Form and Summary	3/20/2025	4/18/2025		446,198		
Americans for Citizen Voting (Version 1)	Constitutional Amendment	Board Approved Form and Summary	6/10/2025	7/10/2025	9/17/2025	446,198		
Americans For Citizens Voting (Version 2)	Constitutional Amendment	Board determined insufficient (2-2) 8/24/26	7/22/2025	7/10/2025		446,198	3/4/2026	7/24/2026
Voters to Stop Paycuts	Referendum	Board Approved Form and Summary		6/27/2025		223,099		
Invest in MI Kids	Constitutional Amendment	Board Approved Form	7/2/2025	7/31/2025		446,198		
Rank MI Vote	Constitutional Amendment	Board Approved Form and Summary	7/15/2025	6/27/2025		446,198		
Michiganders for Money Out of Politics	Initiated Law	Board determined sufficient (3-1) 7/24/26	8/6/2025	8/22/2025		356,958	5/27/2026	6/25/2026

Approved

Statewide Ballot Proposals

- Proposal 2026-1: Constitutional Convention (constitutional amendment)
- Proposal 2026-2: A proposal to prohibit campaign contributions from certain regulated utilities and government contractors (a voter-initiated law)

Proposal 2026-1

Constitutional Convention

Should Michigan Convene a Constitutional Convention?

A “Yes” vote supports holding a constitutional convention

A “No” vote opposes holding a constitutional convention

Michigan Constitutional Convention Process

- **Every 16 years:** Michigan voters decide whether to convene a constitutional convention.
- **Last convention:** 1963; previous conventions were held in 1835, 1850 and 1908.
- **No fixed cost or set timeline** for the convention.



Michigan Constitutional Convention Timeline

- **February 2027:** Special primary for convention delegates
- **May 2027:** General election to select **148 delegates** — one each from 110 House and 38 Senate districts
- **October 5, 2027:** Convention begins in Lansing
- **Work period:** No set time limit; delegates are expected to work efficiently
- **Voter approval:** Proposed changes go to voters **at least 90 days after the convention adjourns**

Pros

- **Comprehensive Reform:** Could allow broad reforms to government structure, taxes, and operations.
Direct Democracy: Gives citizens and delegates a way to address legislative gridlock.
- **Voter Control:** Requires statewide voter approval of any changes.
- **Modify Rights:** Creates an opportunity to expand or limit rights, protections and reform.

Supporters*

State Representative Matt Hall (R)
State Senator Aric Nesbitt (R)

*Source: Ballotpedia

Cons 👎

- **High Costs & Uncertainty:** Could cost millions and create years of instability.
- **Risk to Protections:** Could threaten constitutional rights, education funding, pensions and tax systems.
- **Special Interest Influence:** Wealthy or partisan groups could influence delegates.
- **Unpredictable Scope:** Delegates could make broad, unexpected changes.

Opponents

Protect MI Constitution

- Michigan AFL-CIO
- Michigan Education Association
- Business Leaders for Michigan
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan League of Conservation Voters
- League of Women Voters of Michigan

Proposal 2026-2

Should political contributions from regulated utilities and large government contractors be banned?

A “Yes” vote means banning certain political contributions

A “No” vote means nothing changes

If Proposal 2026-2 passes, it would:

- Ban campaign spending by state-regulated energy utility companies (DTE, Consumers Energy) and other companies with large government contracts (more than \$250,000)
- Expand transparency around election contributions from “dark money” groups.
- Close loopholes that allow groups to run political ads without revealing their donors.

Pros 👍

- Reduces potential "pay-to-play" politics
- Makes 'dark money' easier to trace
- Modernizes Campaign Finance for more transparency
- Closes the issue ad loophole
- Reduces Conflicts of Interest

Supporters

Michiganders for Money Out of Politics

- Clean Water Action
- Climate Cabinet Action
- Detroit Action
- Hip Hop Caucus Action Fund
- MOSES Action
- Michigan League of Conservation Voters
- Michigan United Action
- Tides Foundation
- Voters Not Politicians

League of Women Voters of Michigan

Cons 👎

- Violates free speech under the First Amendment
- Could face legal challenges
- May shift rather than eliminate big money in politics
- Could create enforcement or compliance challenges

Opponents

Protect Michigan Free Speech

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan PAC
- Consumers Energy
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Other Voting Information



Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Polls open 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.



Voter Eligibility In Michigan

To vote, must be:

- A United States Citizen
- A Michigan resident and a resident of your City or Township for at least 30 days
- At least 18 years of age
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison

Voter Registration Options

- Online Voter Registration
Go to Michigan.gov/Vote
- Automatic Voter Registration
For those with MI Driver's License/State ID
- Register by Paper Form
Drop off paper application at Clerk's Office



Required Documents If Registering Within 2 Weeks of Election

Proof of Residency

- Driver's License, State ID or
- Utility bill, bank statement, paycheck stub, government check or other government document.*

**This must be current with your name and address on it*

Voting Absentee



- **Request** an absentee ballot from your local clerk or online
- **Receive and complete** your ballot
- **Return** your ballot:
 - In person to your clerk
 - In a secure ballot drop box where you vote
 - By mail (don't mail later than 2 weeks before Election Day)
 - At an Early Voting site
- **Absentee ballots will be mailed beginning September 24, 2026**

Absentee Voting

The State:

- Provides funding for prepaid postage on return envelopes for Absentee Ballots.
- Provides an enhanced system for Absentee Ballots so voters can track them, and receive texts or emails about their status.



Early Voting

October 24-November 1, 2026



- **What is Early Voting?**

You can cast a ballot in person **before** Election Day. Similar to voting at a polling place on Election Day, it includes feeding your ballot into a tabulator.

- **When Is Early Voting?**

Early Voting starts on the 2nd Saturday before Election Day and ends on the Sunday before Election Day. It lasts at least 8 hours per day.

- **How Do Communities Offer Early Voting?**

The locations, days and hours of **early voting** will be different in each community. Communities can work together to offer early voting.

Monitoring the Voting Process

- **Poll Watchers:** Observe, from the public area, the voting process and report concerns; they are not allowed to interact with voters or interfere with election workers.
- **Poll Challengers:** Must be certified and approved by clerk. May question a voter's eligibility according to Michigan law and established procedures.
- **Report Election Problems:** Call the **Election Protection Hotline 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)** for assistance or to report problems.

Board of Canvassers Election Certification

- **Board of County Canvassers**
 - 14 days after election to certify
- **Board of State Canvassers**
 - 6 weeks after election to certify



2 Republicans and 2 Democrats

Michigan Voter Information Center

Your source for Michigan election information

Visit **Michigan.gov/vote** to:

- View your sample ballot.
- Find out if you are registered to vote.
- Find your voting location.
- Track your absentee ballot.
- And much more!

*Also available on
smart devices.*



For more information
go to
Michigan.gov/vote
or
MichiganVoting.org

League of Women Voters Provides All Voter Information You Need at VOTE411.org



- Non-Partisan Information about elections and candidates
- Find your polling place
- Find out what will be on your ballot
- Learn voting rights in Michigan
- Contains unedited candidate responses to questions posed by LWVMI

Questions?