



FAQs November 2026 Michigan Ballot Initiatives and Election Information

Do I need a photo ID to vote?

No, though you will be asked for a photo ID when you go vote. If you do not have a photo ID with you, you can sign an Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification and vote. This affidavit is a legal document, and lying on it can result in a perjury charge. Penalty: Making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. If you have a photo ID with you at the early voting site or Election Day polling place, you must show it to the election inspector or you can't vote.

What happened to the Americans for Citizens Voting (ACV) petition?

The Bureau of Elections, part of the Michigan Department of State, reviews and verifies petition signatures and provides its findings to the Board of State Canvassers (BOSC). The BOSC is a **four-member bipartisan board** (2 Democrats, 2 Republicans) that oversees certain statewide election and petition processes. The Bureau of Elections found that the Americans for Citizen Voting petition lacked a sufficient number of valid signatures. The BOSC deadlocked at 2-2 on that issue, so the proposal will not be on the ballot. Americans for Citizen Voting appealed the decision to the Michigan Supreme Court. All seven Michigan Supreme Court justices turned down the request. In turning down Americans for Citizen Voting's request, the court found it didn't have the power to tell the Board of State Canvassers what to do, since the BOSC had discretion over the challenged process.

If this is an educational presentation, why do you have the League listed under the support and oppose section of the slides?

The League has two major missions: educating voters and advocating on issues after we have studied them and reached a position. **Today, our role is voter education.** We are presenting factual information for both sides of the proposals. We are not advocating how you should view these proposals. We are providing facts, pros/cons, and listing those who support/oppose so you are informed.

What is Dark Money?

Dark money is political spending by groups that **do not disclose the sources of their funding**, making it difficult to know who is behind the political message.

Here is a link to the Campaign Legal Center with a definition:

<https://campaignlegal.org/update/what-dark-money>

How will the Executive Order regarding USPS affect voting this November?

As of today, Michigan's voting laws related to absentee/mail-in voting remain unchanged. If the Supreme Court of the United States rules against the Administration, nothing changes. If the Supreme Court rules in favor, we will update the presentation for you. Do not discuss the League's role in the case.

Are all the organizations who support/oppose the proposals listed?

Yes for Proposal 2. For the full listing of opponents of Proposal 1, please see the [webpage of Protect MI Constitution titled "About Us."](#) For those in favor, the list is complete.

What is the League's nonpartisan policy?

As a membership organization committed to empowering voters and defending democracy, we do not support or oppose political parties or candidates. Our focus has always been, and will continue to be, on the issues that matter to our communities: ensuring fair elections, protecting voting rights, and strengthening our democratic institutions.

Other Sources of Information

[Michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote)

[Michiganvoting.org](https://michiganvoting.org)

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