



TIPS FOR VOTERS

Requirements for voting in the state of Michigan:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age by date of election
- Live in Michigan and in the city or township where you are applying to vote

How to register to vote in federal, state, and local elections:

- 15 days or more prior to the election:
 - a mail-in voter register form is available at www.michigan.gov/vote
 - register in person at your county, city or township **clerk's office**
 - register at any **Secretary of State** branch office
- Within 15 days of the election, including Election Day, you must register at your local city or township clerk's office with picture ID and proof of residency
- **Online voter registration** at SOS website
- **If you have a Michigan driver's license, it must have the same address as your voter registration.**
- You can update your voter registration and driver's license at any Secretary of State branch office or at expressSOS.com

The voting process:

You must vote in the precinct in which you are registered. If you aren't sure where your voting place is, you can call your clerk or check online at www.michigan.gov/vote or www.vote411.org.

- All voters are asked to show a photo identification. If you do not have with you a photo ID, you must sign an "Affidavit of Voter not in Possession of Picture Identification" form in order to get a ballot. The affidavit can be used by:
 - a) voters who do not have acceptable photo ID,
 - b) or voters who have photo ID but who didn't bring it to the polls.

Once you sign the affidavit, you may cast your ballot. It will be counted with all other ballots on Election Day.

- If your name is not on the list of registered voters, you are entitled to receive a provisional ballot if you are willing to swear that you believe you registered to vote. The person votes the provisional ballot, which is then placed in an envelope and then has six days to show he or she is a properly registered voter.

Acceptable photo IDs:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by the state of Michigan or by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal identification card with photo

If you do not have a picture ID, you may get a state picture ID from your local Secretary of State branch. Picture IDs cost \$10.00, but they are free for individuals who are 65 or older, who are blind, or who have had driving privileges ended because of a physical or mental disability. Proof of residency and identity is required when you apply for a state photo ID.

Your photo ID does not need to have your address on it. In addition, the name on your identification card may be a shorter form of your name. For example, "Bill" for "William" and "Kathy" for "Katherine" are acceptable.

Absentee Ballots—New Information:

As a registered voter, you may now obtain an absentee ballot from your local city or township clerk **regardless of reason for needing or wanting one**. You may request one in person or by mail from your local clerk's office, or you may download a request for an absentee ballot at www.mi.gov/vote. You must complete the form and return it to your local clerk's office and then an absentee ballot will be issued to you.

For more information about voting, please go to www.michigan.gov/vote.

OTHER INFORMATION

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m. you will be allowed to vote.

If you have moved within 60 days of the election and have not changed your registration, you have the right to vote one time in your old precinct.

You can make sure you are registered, see your polling location, or view your sample ballot at www.michigan.gov/vote.

You can find the League of Women Voters' nonpartisan information about candidates at www.vote411.org.

You have the right to be assisted in the voting booth by a person of your choosing, so long as the person is not your employer, your employer's agent, or an officer or agent in your union.

If you have a disability, you have the right to vote privately and without assistance by using machines specifically designed for your use, which should be in every polling place.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, you may have another one.

In the general election you have the right to vote a straight party ticket or to vote for candidates in any party. In a primary election, you must choose candidates from only one party to select nominees for the general election. In Michigan you do not register with a party designation.

People convicted of a felony CAN vote after their term of incarceration has ended even when they are on parole or probation. Michigan residents confined in jail or prison who are awaiting arraignment or trial are eligible to vote as well.

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