



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

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**MAY 3, 2016 ELECTION
CALENDAR OF DATES**

By 4:00 p.m., Jan. 14	District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the May 3 election must file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) If filing official is a local clerk, filing official notifies county clerk of candidates' names and addresses within 3 days. (397.181)
By 4:00 p.m., Jan. 19	City candidates who wish to seek office at the May 3 election must file an Affidavit of Identity and nominating petition signatures. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. January 22. (168.322)
By Jan. 25	City clerks forward names and addresses of candidates to county clerk. (168.321)
By Jan. 26	Petitions to place proposals on ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
Jan. 29	Last day a recall petition can be filed for election. (168.963)
By 4:00 p.m., Feb. 9	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
By Mar. 19	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
By Mar. 19	Delivery of military and overseas AV ballots must begin for the May election by this date. All requests received since November 4, 2015 from a military or overseas voter must be honored for all 2016 elections. (168.759a)

Mar. 24 through Apr. 12	Precinct inspectors appointed by local election commission for election. (168.674)
By Mar. 28	Notice of close of registration for election published. One notice required. (168.498)
Apr. 4	Last day to register for election. (168.497)
By Apr. 22	Pre-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes Apr. 17).
By 4:00 p.m., Apr. 22	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (168.737a)
By Apr. 26	Notice of election published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By Apr. 28	Public accuracy test must be conducted by local election commission. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 2:00 p.m., April 30	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., May 2	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., May 3	Emergency absentee voting for election. (168.759b)
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By May 9	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass election. (168.821)
By Jun. 2	Post-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes May 23).