
SUMMARY CALENDAR FOR CANDIDATE AND PROPOSAL DEADLINES

August 7, 2018 Primary and November 6, 2018 General Election

Important Dates and Filing Deadlines

Refer to Michigan compiled law for cited provisions (www.michiganlegislature.org.) Dates are subject to change through legislative action. If any errors are found, it is the law, itself, which must be followed.

Election Dates

August 7, 2018	State Primary
November 6, 2018	State General Election

Registration Deadlines

July 9, 2018	Last day to register for August primary. (168.497)
Oct. 9, 2018	Last day to register for November general election. (168.497)

Filing Deadlines: Candidates

By 5:00 p.m., March 26, 2018	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 29. (168.409b , 413a , 414 , 433a , 434 , 467c and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., April 24, 2018	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on April 27. (168.409b , 409c , 413 , 414 , 433 , 434 , 467b and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., April 24, 2018	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 27. (168.53 , 93 , 133 and 163 for federal and state-level offices; assorted other statutes for local offices)
By 4:00 p.m., May 8, 2018	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 11. (168.624 , 624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 15, 2018	Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 18. (389.83)
By 5:00 p.m., July 5, 2018	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Candidacy forms for the November general election. (168.392a and 558)

- By 4:00 p.m.,
July 19, 2018** District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) (Special note: If district library includes a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on August 14, 2018) ([397.181](#))
- By 4:00 p.m.,
July 19, 2018** Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions and Affidavit of Identity for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 23. ([168.590c](#))
- By 4:00 p.m.,
July 24, 2018** Local School Board candidates and Community College Trustee candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 27. Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file by 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2018. ([168.303](#); [389.83](#), [152](#))
- By 4:00 p.m.,
July 24, 2018** Village candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 27. ([168.381](#))
- By 4:00 p.m.,
July 27, 2018** Write-in candidates other than write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. ([168.737a](#))
- By 4:00 p.m.,
August 3, 2018** Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms with the city or township clerk for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file the Declaration of Intent form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) ([168.737a](#))
- August 7, 2018** **STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**
- By 4:00 p.m.,
August 14, 2018** District Library Board candidates (library in districts that include a school district) who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on August 17. (Special note: If district library does not include a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on July 19, 2018.) ([397.181](#))
- By 4:00 p.m.,
Oct. 26, 2018** Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. ([168.737a](#))
- November 6, 2018** **STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

Filing Deadlines: New Parties and State Ballot Proposals

**By 5:00 p.m.,
May 30, 2018**

Petitions to place a legislative initiative proposal on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (252,523 valid signatures required). ([168.471](#))

**By 5:00 p.m.,
July 9, 2018**

Petitions to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (315,654 valid signatures required). ([168.471](#))

**By 4:00 p.m.,
July 19, 2018**

New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (31,566 valid signatures required). ([168.685](#))

Filing Deadlines: County and Local Proposals

By May 1, 2018

Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. ([168.646a](#))

**By 4:00 p.m.,
May 15, 2018**

Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. ([168.646a](#))

By July 31, 2018

Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. ([168.646a](#))

**By 4:00 p.m.,
August 14, 2018**

Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. ([168.646a](#))