



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 2008
TO: County Clerks
FROM: Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
SUBJECT: Preparation for November 4, 2008 General Election

The following items and information are being provided in preparation for the administration of the November 4, 2008 general election:

Notice of Call of Election: Please send a copy of the notice to all city and township clerks.

Statewide proposals: Two statewide proposals are qualified to appear on the general election ballot. The official ballot wording prepared for the two proposals is provided.

Official candidate listing: A comprehensive listing of the candidates who are qualified to appear on the general election ballot for the offices listed below will be released on Monday, September 8, 2008:

President and Vice-President	Governor of Wayne State University
United States Senator	Justice of Supreme Court
Representative in Congress	Judge of Court of Appeals
Representative in State Legislature	Judge of Circuit Court
Member of the State Board of Education	Judge of Probate Court
Regent of the University of Michigan	Judge of District Court
Trustee of Michigan State University	

Ballot production standards, ballot instructional language and political party vignettes: Ballot production standards were released on August 21, 2008. (See *News You Can Use*, Issue No. 378.) The ballot production standards include a prototype ballot for the general election. The ballot prototype bears the instructional language that must be used when preparing ballots for the general election. The political party vignettes which must be used when preparing ballots for the general election are enclosed. (Please note that the vignette used by the U.S. Taxpayers Party has changed since 2006.)

Approval of ballot proofs required: Immediately after proof ballots are delivered to the County Election Commission, the Commission must forward the ballot proofs in PDF format to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections for approval. Please submit all proof ballots by email to the attention of Sue McRill at McRills@Michigan.gov or Carol Pierce at PierceC1@Michigan.gov. Include "Ballot Proofs" and the name of your county in the subject

line of your email submission. If corrections are needed or any changes are made to the ballots following the original submission, the PDFs must be re-submitted.

The Commission is also required to send each candidate a proof ballot for his or her review. Complete information on the ballot proofing process is enclosed.

Questions?

If you have a question or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections. We will be happy to assist in any way possible.

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