

INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

A proposal to amend the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 4 of article II, to establish voting by mail for all Michigan active registered voters. All elections shall be conducted by mail. All active registered voters shall receive a ballot by mail. The voter may return the ballot by mail, in person at city or township clerk offices or in designated official drop boxes by 8pm on election day. All ballots by mail must be received at city or township election offices by 8pm local time on election day. City or township election officials shall collect ballots from post offices prior to 8pm and from drop boxes at 8pm on election day. The full text of the proposal appears on the reverse side of the petition along with the provisions of the existing constitution that are altered or abrogated by the proposal. The proposal is to be voted on in the November 8, 2016 General Election.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of _____, State of Michigan, respectively petition for amendment to the constitution.

WARNING—A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

INFO IN WHICH REGISTERED TO VOTE	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
					MO	DAY	YEAR
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	1.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	2.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	3.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	4.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	5.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	6.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	7.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	8.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	9.						
CITY OF _____ TOWNSHIP OF _____	10.						

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross or check mark in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the secretary of state or a designated agent of the secretary of state has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

WARNING—A circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.



CIRCULATOR—Do not sign or date this petition until after circulating petition.

Signature of Circulator _____

Printed Name of Circulator _____

Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route) Do not enter a post office box _____

City or Township, State, Zip Code _____

County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator Who is not a Resident of Michigan _____

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This proposal would amend article II, section 4 as follows: (new language is capitalized)

The legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place, and manner of all nominations and elections, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the constitution and laws of the United States. The legislature shall enact laws to preserve the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective franchise, and to provide for a system of voter registration and absentee voting. No law shall be enacted which permits a candidate in any partisan primary or partisan election to have a ballot designation except when required for identification of candidates for the same office who have the same or similar surnames.

ALL ELECTIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL. ALL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS SHALL RECEIVE A BALLOT BY MAIL. THE VOTER MAY RETURN THE BALLOT BY MAIL, IN PERSON AT CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK OFFICES OR IN DESIGNATED OFFICIAL DROP BOXES BY 8PM ON ELECTION DAY. ALL BALLOTS BY MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED AT CITY OR TOWNSHIP ELECTION OFFICES BY 8PM LOCAL TIME ON ELECTION DAY. CITY OR TOWNSHIP ELECTION OFFICIALS SHALL COLLECT BALLOTS FROM POST OFFICES PRIOR TO 8PM AND FROM DROP BOXES AT 8PM ON ELECTION DAY.

THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ENACT STATUTES THAT IMPLEMENT VOTE BY MAIL FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR 2018.

Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by the proposal if adopted:

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