

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Application

You must notarize and return this application by June 1, 2020.



Your application is almost done. You must sign the last page of this application in the presence of a notary. Then you must return it to the Department of State. **You can come back to print this application via the online portal at any time.**

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Redistricting

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Voter registration

Are you currently registered, or will you be registered by August 15, 2020? YES

You are not eligible to serve on the Commission if you answer “Yes” to any of the following:

- (1) I am now, or have been at any time since August 15, 2014,
- (a) A declared candidate for partisan election office in federal, state, or local office. NO
 - (b) An elected official to partisan federal, state, or local office. NO
 - (c) An officer or member of the governing body of a national, state, or local political party. NO
 - (d) A paid consultant or employee of a federal, state, or local elected official or political candidate, campaign, or political action committee. NO
 - (e) An employee of the legislature. NO
 - (f) A lobbyist agent registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO
 - (g) An employee of a lobbyist registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO
 - (h) An unclassified state employee pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution
Note: If you are an employee of courts of record, employee of the state institutions of higher education, or person in the armed forces of the state, you are still eligible to serve on the Commission. You should answer “No” to this prompt. NO
- (2) I am a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, or spouse of a person to whom sections (a) through (h), above, would apply. NO
- (3) I am disqualified for appointed or elected office in Michigan. NO

How this application will be used

I understand that if randomly selected as one of 200 semi-finalists, the contents of this application (except my street address, email, and phone number) will be made available to the public. YES, I Understand

I understand that while this application is a public document, my email and phone number will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law. YES, I Understand

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Indicate whether you agree to the following conditions if you're appointed to the Commission:

- (a) If selected to serve on the Commission, you will be not be eligible to hold a partisan elective office at the state, county, city, village, or township level in Michigan for five (5) years. Do you understand that by serving on the Commission you are ineligible to hold these elected offices for five (5) years after you are selected to the Commission? YES
- (b) Serving on the Commission will require a time commitment of more than one year, including periods of both part-time and full-time work (approximately 10 – 40+ hours per week). The Commission must conduct open meetings. Most commissioners (at least 9 of 13) must be present at each meeting. Are you able to dedicate the necessary time to fulfill your duties as commissioner in addition to your other personal and work obligations? YES
Note: Like jury duty, your employer cannot fire you for serving on this commission.
- (c) Each commissioner will receive compensation. The amount is set by law at approximately \$40,000. With this financial expectation in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (d) Being a commissioner also requires travel to at least 15 public hearings across Michigan. With travel expectations in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (e) The Michigan Constitution states, "Each commissioner shall perform his or her duties in a manner that is impartial and reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process." If selected, are you able to conduct yourself accordingly? YES
- (f) The Constitution specifies redistricting maps adopted by the Commission must receive a majority vote, and support from at least two commissioners of each political party affiliation (Democratic, Republican, and unaffiliated). If selected, do you believe you will be able to collaborate with fellow commissioners to reach consensus? YES

Political Affiliation

I affiliate with the Republican Party.

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Applicant Information

Name

Josiah Ron Jaster

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)

06/2002

Race

White

Sex

Male

Residential Address

[REDACTED]

New Lothrop MI 48460

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

NO

Mailing Address (if applicable)

[REDACTED]

Contact Information

[REDACTED]

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Why do you want to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission?

I want to serve on the redistricting commission because I am sick and tired of the gerrymandering. I believe that in the past, in many states, both Republicans and Democrats have gerrymandered congressional districts to gain an advantage for their parties. Therefore, as someone that is deeply interested and concerned with how our country has been growing more and more divisive, and because I want to see Michigan represented with representatives who proportionally represent our population, I would like to serve on the commission. I do not want our districts twisted to favor Republicans or Democrats, because that defeats the purpose of a democracy.

If I were on the commission, I would want our districts created without any knowledge of political affiliation or demographics, but I would want our districts to be as geographically smooth as possible (not jagged or disproportionately long like the MI-5th district).

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Describe why or how you affiliate with either the Democratic Party, Republican Party, or why you don't affiliate with either.

I affiliate with the Republican Party because I believe the party represents my views more than the Democrat Party does. However I only support candidates who I believe are honest and have integrity. Therefore I will often not support Republican nominees. But I still affiliate with the Republican Party because I am pro-life, pro-gun, pro-freedom of speech, etc, and I believe that the Republican Party espouses these principles better than the Democrat Party does.

(Note: I have never voted in an election due to my age. Therefore when I mean "support a candidate", I am referring to openly endorsing a candidate and supporting that candidate in my discussions about upcoming elections with my friends and colleagues.)

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Step 1: Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in SAGINAW
County, Michigan.

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:

Cheryl L. Bishop

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:

Cheryl L. Bishop
Today's date 10,5 | 12,6 | 20,20

Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)

SAGINAW

CHERYL L. BISHOP
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF SAGINAW
My Commission Expires October 15, 2023
Acting in the County of _____

Commission expiration date:

10-15-2023

Acting in the county of:

SAGINAW

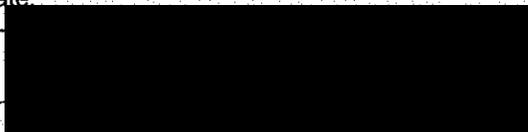
Step 2: You complete the section below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

Print name below:

Josiah Ron Jaster

Sign and date below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

By signing below, I swear or affirm that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and in particular attest that my political party affiliation as represented in this application is accurate.

X 
Today's date 0,5 | 2,6 | 20,20