

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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Step 3: Return your completed, notarized application to the Department of State. You can email an electronic copy of your notarized application to MDOS-NotarizedApplication@Michigan.gov. Or, you can mail your notarized application to Michigan Department of State, PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909.

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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 NO

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.

(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 Democratic Party.

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Applicant Information

Name

Scott Lawrence Dennis

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)

06/1961

Race

White

Sex

Male

Residential Address

[REDACTED]

Ann Arbor MI 48104

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 believe strongly that our legislatures should reflect and represent the will of the people, and thus that legislative districts should be drawn as fairly, neutrally, and impartially as possible, while respecting the natural boundaries of communities and making sure that all communities of interest are represented proportionally as much as possible. When legislative districts are drawn fairly and impartially, the mix of political party affiliations and opinions within them are likely to be more diverse, and this requires candidates to listen to and represent that broader array of opinions in order to get elected, leading to more moderate and inclusive governance that is more likely to balance competing interests rather than letting one side win while ignoring the other. It reduces the likelihood of tyranny by the majority or any minority, and promotes governing for the common good over narrower interests, regardless of political party. And I believe this strongly enough that I am ready and willing to work hard to achieve it.

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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.

For my first 20 years as an eligible voter, I identified as an independent, and voted for a variety of different candidates who identified as Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, and independents. In the 2000 election, I voted for a third-party candidate for President, thinking that in pragmatic effect, the difference between the Democratic and Republican candidates would be negligible. But the hyper-partisan turn and tactics that President George W. Bush and the Republican Party took in order to assure victory over the winner of the popular vote in that election, and later to deceive the Congress and citizenry into supporting the Iraq War, taught me that I had profoundly misperceived the true differences between the two major parties. Similarly, watching the way the supposedly moderate Republican Rick Snyder governed Michigan in near lockstep with the most stridently right-wing and intolerant Republicans in the Michigan legislature, taught me that the moderation my parents and grandparents so admired in former Governor William Milliken was long gone from the Michigan Republican Party. With each passing year and election since 2000, I have become steadily more dedicated to electing Democrats. Since 2008, I have regularly served as a campaign volunteer, making calls and canvassing door to door for Democratic candidates.

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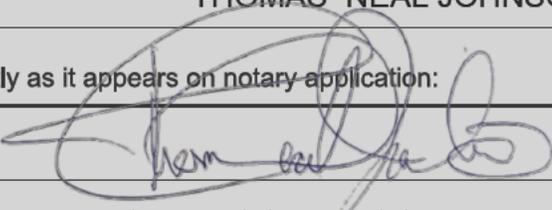


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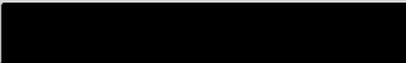
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Step 1: Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in <u>MUSKEGON</u> County, Michigan.	
Print name exactly as it appears on notary application: <u>THOMAS NEAL JOHNSON III</u>	
Sign exactly as it appears on notary application: 	
Today's date	06/01/2020
Notaried using electronic/remote technology	
Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission) <u>MUSKEGON</u>	
Commission expiration date: <u>November 17, 2024</u>	Acting in the county of: <u>MUSKEGON</u>

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

Print name below: <u>Scott Lawrence Dennis</u>	
Sign and date below. <i>This must be done in the presence of the notary.</i>	
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	06/01/2020