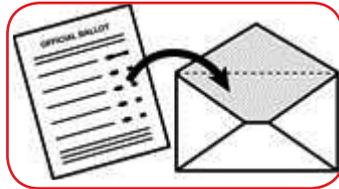


## OTHER VOTING OPTIONS

### Absentee ballot

You may vote absentee if you are:



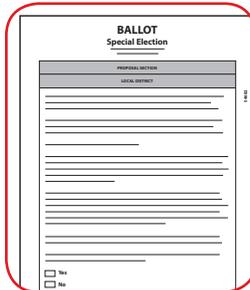
- 60 or older.
- Expect to be out of town on Election Day.
- Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance.
- Unable to go to the polls due to religious beliefs.
- A poll worker assigned to a polling place that is not your own.
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

When requesting an absentee ballot, you must provide one of the reasons above on your request.

### How to request an absentee ballot

**By Mail - deadline is 2 p.m. the Saturday before an election**

- Download an application at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote).
- Ask your township or city clerk's office to mail an application.
- Write a letter to your township or city clerk requesting a ballot - **include one of the reasons above and sign your request.**



Signed applications may be emailed or faxed to your township or city clerk as well.

Remember, your clerk cannot mail a ballot after 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

**In Person - deadline is 4 p.m. the day before an election.**

Pick up an absentee ballot in person at your township or city clerk's office.

Absentee ballots picked up on the Monday before Election Day, must be voted in the clerk's office. You cannot take it home.

### Return your ballot by Election Day!

When you return your ballot:

- Return it by 8 p.m. to your township or city clerk's office.
- Sign the return envelope.
- If someone assisted you, have the assistant sign in the appropriate box.
- **Allow at least 5 business days when mailing.**

Only you, someone in your family (or living in your household), the mail carrier or an election official can deliver your absentee ballot to the clerk's office.



### Emergency ballots

If you have a sudden personal illness or injury, or a death in the family, you may request an emergency absentee ballot. Emergency absentee ballots are available at your township or city clerk's office after 2 p.m. on the Saturday before Election Day and up until 4 p.m. on Election Day. Contact your township or city clerk for more information.

## 2018 ELECTION DATES

### For the August 7 State Primary

- ★ **July 9:** Last day to register to vote.
- ★ **August 4 at 2 p.m.:** Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.
- ★ **August 6 at 4 p.m.:** In person deadline to pick up an absentee ballot – must vote in city or township clerk's office.

### For the November 6 General Election

- ★ **October 9:** Last day to register to vote.
- ★ **November 3 at 2 p.m.:** Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.
- ★ **November 5 at 4 p.m.:** In person deadline to pick up an absentee ballot – must vote in city or township clerk's office.

Find more information at

[michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote)

At the **Michigan Voter Information Center** ([www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)) you may:

- View your sample ballot.
- Find your polling place.
- Track your absentee ballot.
- Contact your local clerk.
- Download a voter registration form.
- Obtain an absentee ballot application.
- Check to see if you are a registered voter.
- Find answers to other election questions.

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Tuesday | AUG 7, 2018

**November  
General Election:**  
Tuesday | NOV 6, 2018



**Secretary of State**  
[www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos)

## To vote in Michigan, you must be:

- 1 At least 18 by Election Day, and;
- 2 A US citizen and a registered voter in your township or city.

### REGISTERING TO VOTE

#### How do I register to vote?

- In person at your township or city clerk's office or any Secretary of State office. Other state agencies also offer voter registration.
- By mail: download the form at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote).

#### When do I register to vote?

Register at least 30 days before an election.

#### What if I'm in the military or living out of the country?

Download the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form at [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov). This form allows you to register and request an absentee ballot.

#### What if my address changed?

Once you are registered to vote, the only time you need to update your voter registration is when you move.

Update your registration at:

- **ExpressSOS.com.**
- A Secretary of State office.
- Your township or city clerk's office.

Michigan law requires that the address on your driver's license or state ID card match the address on your voter registration.

If you have moved to a new address in your township or city and did not update your address, you may vote one last time at your old precinct.

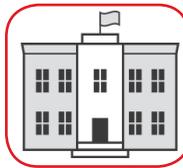
If you have moved to a new township or city and did not update your address, you can vote one last time at your old precinct **if your move took place within 60 days of Election Day.**

### PREPARING TO VOTE

#### Where do I vote?

Find your polling place by:

- Checking your voter identification card.
- Looking it up at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote).
- Calling your township or city clerk.



#### What is on my ballot?

View a sample ballot at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote).



#### Do I need to show ID?

The following are accepted as picture ID when registering to vote or voting:

- Michigan driver's license or state ID card.
- Driver's license or state ID card from another state.
- Federal or state government-issued photo ID.
- U.S. passport.
- Military ID card with photo.
- Tribal ID card with photo.
- Student ID card with photo from high school or accredited college or university.

\*You may also sign a document (an affidavit) confirming that you do not have ID. You will then be allowed to register to vote or vote.

**Primary Election:**  
Tuesday, August 7

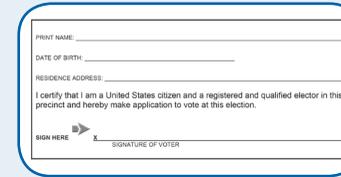
**General Election:**  
Tuesday, November 6

### VOTING AT THE POLLS

Polling places are open from  
**7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

#### What do I do on Election Day?

##### 1 Sign in



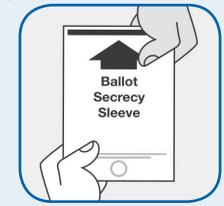
Provide your name, address, date of birth and picture identification.\*See **"Do I need to show ID?"** for details.

##### 2 Verify Registration



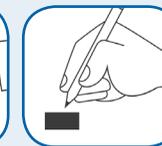
An election inspector will match the information you provided with the registration list.

##### 3 Obtain Ballot



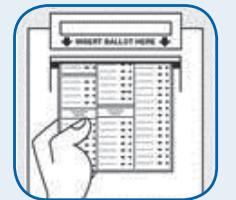
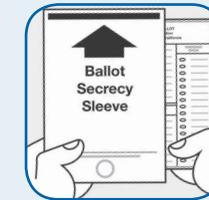
An election inspector will give you a ballot and direct you to a voting booth.

##### 4 Vote your ballot



Completely fill in the ovals or boxes. Only vote for the number of candidates allowed. Ask for help if you make a mistake or have questions.

##### 5 Tabulate your ballot



Complete your ballot, place it in the secrecy sleeve and go to the ballot tabulator. After the numbered ballot tab has been removed by a poll worker, insert your ballot into the tabulator.

#### First-time voters

If this is your first election and you registered to vote by mail, you must vote in person or pick up your absentee ballot. These rules do not apply if you are:

- 60 or older.
- Disabled.
- Eligible to vote using a Federal Post Card Application.



#### What if I need assistance?

If needed, you may seek assistance by:

- Using special voting equipment that allows you to vote without assistance.
- Bringing someone you know with you but not an officer or representative from your employer or union.
- Requesting two poll workers assist you.

