



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
LANSING

January 2019

**Analysis of Validity Rates for Initiative and Referendum Petitions  
1978 – 2018**

Year, Type (Number of Signatures Required)	Total Filed	Number Checked	Number Valid	Proportion Valid	Minimum Proportion Required	Observed Confidence Level
<b>1978 Legislative Initiative (212,562)</b>						
Parole Standards	238,394	448	411	91.7	89.2	98.4
<b>1978 Constitutional Amendments (265,702)</b>						
School Vouchers	300,598	498	454	91.2	88.4	97.7
Tax Reform (Tisch I)	319,000	499	437	87.6	83.3	99.6
Trooper Collective Bargaining	299,901	498	444	89.2	88.6	66.3
Tax Reform (Headlee I)	463,744	494	419	84.8	57.3	100.0
Drinking Age	324,326	450	405	90.0	81.9	100.0
<b>1980 Constitutional Amendments (286,722)</b>						
Tax Reform (Tisch II)	424,411	500	446	89.2	67.6	100.0
Tax Reform (Smith-Bullard)	374,908	495	395	79.8	76.5	99.5
<b>1982 Legislative Initiatives (229,377)</b>						
Foreclosure	324,477	498	361	72.5	70.7	82.4
Utility Rates	323,633	497	421	84.7	70.9	100.0
Nuclear Freeze	377,409	498	427	85.7	60.8	100.0
<b>1982 Constitutional Amendments (286,722)</b>						
Elected Public Service Commission	437,000	498	366	73.5	65.6	100.0
Capital Punishment	309,623	499	441	88.4	92.6	00.1
Create Department of State Police	425,000	500	370	74.0	67.5	100.0
<b>1984 Constitutional Amendments (304,001)</b>						
Tax Reform (DeMar)	351,887	1,781	1,611	90.5	86.4	
<b>1986 Constitutional Amendments (304,001)</b>						
Capital Punishment (Petition signatures struck by courts; sample cancelled)	350,220					
Utility Regulation (Petition signatures struck by courts; sample cancelled)	378,363					

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<b>1987 Legislative Initiative (191,726)</b> Medicaid Abortion Ban (Adopted by Legislature)	461,351	498	431	86.5	41.6	100.0
<b>1988 Referendum (119,829)</b> Medicaid Abortion Ban (PA 59 of 1987)	229,794	489	416	85.0	52.1	100.0
<b>1990 Legislative Initiatives (191,726)</b> Parental Consent for Abortion (Adopted by Legislature)	334,169	522	468	89.7	57.4	100.0
Tax Reform (Headlee II)	224,048	1,599	1,347	84.2	85.6	00.0
<b>1992 Constitutional Amendments (256,457)</b> Term Limits	398,743	511	389	76.1	64.3	100.0
Tax Reform (Cut/Cap)	410,110	512	426	83.2	62.5	100.0
<b>1992 Legislative Initiative (205,166)</b> Auto Insurance Rates	630,946	493	407	82.6	32.5	100.0
Tax Break	279,868	4,760	3,848	80.8	73.3	100.0
<b>1994 Referendum (128,229)</b> Insurance Reform (PA 143 of 1993)	252,394	500	397	79.4	50.8	100.0
<b>1996 Legislative Initiatives (247,127)</b> Bear Hunting	342,086	3,757	2,841	75.6	72.2	92.9
Casinos	430,280	500	379	75.8	57.4	100.0
<b>1996 Referendum (154,454)</b> Bingo Act (PA 118 of 1994)	240,866	500	354	70.8	64.1	100.0
<b>1998 Legislative Initiatives (247,127)</b> Physician Assisted Suicide	378,873	3,698	2,649	71.6	65.2	100.0
Anti-Casino	276,433	1,649	1,455	88.2	89.4	00.0
<b>2000 Constitutional Amendments (302,711)</b> School Vouchers	459,633	519	447	86.1	65.9	100.0
Local Control	466,278	530	453	85.5	64.9	100.0
<b>2002 Constitutional Amendments (302,711)</b> Tobacco Settlement Revenue	475,896	550	466	84.7	63.6	100.0
New Drug Policies (Petition struck by courts)	453,174	546	435	79.7	66.8	100.0
Michigan Employee Rights	386,139	548	456	83.2	78.4	99.0
<b>2002 Referendum (151,356)</b> Straight Ticket Voting (PA 269 of 2001)	255,553	550	424	77.1	59.2	100.0
<b>2004 Constitutional Amendments (317,757)</b> Voter Approval of Gambling	506,451	580	509	87.8	62.7	100.0
Marriage Definition	500,000	580	539	92.9	63.6	100.0

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<b>2004 Legislative Initiative (254,206)</b> Oppose Partial-birth-abortions (Adopted by Legislature)	459,966	550	535	97.3	55.3	100.0
<b>2006 Constitutional Amendments (317,757)</b> Affirmative Action Ban	508,159	500	450	90.0	62.5	100.0
Stop Overspending	503,360	3,872	2,360	61.0	63.1	00.0
<b>2006 Legislative Initiatives (254,206)</b> Mandatory School Funding	292,995	1,979	1,895	95.8	86.8	100.0
Eliminate SBT (Adopted by Legislature)	372,755	500	393	78.6	68.2	100.0
<b>2006 Referendum (158,879)</b> Dove Hunting (PA 160 of 2004)	274,598	500	445	89.0	57.9	100.0
<b>2008 Legislative Initiative (304,101)</b> Medical Marijuana	474,752	500	401	80.2	64.1	100.0
<b>2008 Constitutional Amendments (380,126)</b> Stem Cell Research	570,793	500	437	87.4	66.6	100.0
Government Reform (Proposal struck by courts)	492,839	2,998	2,536	84.6	77.1	100.0
<b>2012 Constitutional Amendments (322,609)</b> Protect Our Jobs	554,375	544	489	89.9	58.2	100.0
Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs	528,448	620	494	79.7	61.0	100.0
Michigan Alliance For Prosperity	629,860	532	441	82.9	51.2	100.0
Citizens For Affordable Quality Home Care	563,854	717	572	79.8	57.2	100.0
Citizens for More Michigan Jobs (Proposal Struck by Courts)	509,777	679	539	79.4	63.3	100.0
The People Should Decide	596,533	519	416	80.1	54.1	100.0
<b>2012 Referendum (161,305)</b> Stand Up For Democracy	226,339	3,451	3,105	90.0	71.3	100.0
<b>2014 Referendum (161,305)</b> Keep MI Wolves Protected (2012 PA 520)	256,916	500	408	81.6	75.2	100.0
Keep MI Wolves Protected (2013 PA 21)	224,557	500	418	83.6	66.6	100.0
<b>2014 Legislative Initiative (258,088)</b> No Taxes for Abortion Insurance (Adopted by Legislature)	315,477	500	474	94.8	88.4	100.0
Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management (Adopted by Legislature)	374,745	555	441	79.5	76.8	100.0
Raise MI	318,425	2,731	2,180	79.8	81.1	00.0
<b>2016 Legislative Initiative (252,523)</b> Protecting MI Taxpayers	391,410	509	301	59.1	65.2	00.0

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<b>2018 Legislative Initiative (252,523)</b>						
Protecting MI Taxpayers (Adopted by Legislature)	382,700	4,443	3,139	70.6	66.0	100.0
Coalition to Regulate Marihuana Like Alcohol	365,384	500	383	76.6	69.1	100.0
Michigan One Fair Wage (Adopted by Legislature)	372,105	500	381	76.2	67.9	100.0
MI Time to Care (Adopted by Legislature)	377,650	500	359	71.8	66.9	99.1
<b>2018 Constitutional Amendment (315,654)</b>						
Voters Not Politicians	427,075	505	466	92.3	73.9	100.0
Promote the Vote	433,069	3,799	2,901	76.4	72.9	98.25