



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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**February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary
-- Dates and Deadlines --**

Refer to Michigan election law (MCL 168.1-992) for referenced statutory provisions.

By 4:00 p.m., November 11, 2011	Secretary of State issues a list of individuals “generally advocated” by the national news media as potential Republican Party and Democratic Party presidential nominees. (614a)
By 4:00 p.m., November 15, 2011	State chairpersons of the Republican Party and Democratic Party advise Secretary of State of individuals their respective parties view as potential presidential nominees. (614a)
November 16, 2011	Secretary of State notifies potential presidential nominees of legal provisions relating to Michigan’s presidential primary. (614a)
November 25, 2011	Last day a recall petition can be filed for election. (963)
By December 6, 2011	Petitions to place county and local questions on presidential primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (646a)
By 4:00 p.m., December 9, 2011	Potential presidential nominees appearing on lists compiled by Secretary of State and state party chairpersons who do not wish to have their names printed on Michigan’s presidential primary ballot or who wish to change their political party affiliation file an affidavit with the Secretary of State. (615a)
By 4:00 p.m., December 9, 2011	Individuals not listed as potential presidential nominees by Secretary of State or state party chairpersons who wish to appear on Michigan’s presidential primary ballot file a nominating petition with the Secretary of State. (615a) (Petitions cannot be circulated prior to October 1, 2011. Signature requirements: Republican Party candidate: 10,244; Democratic Party candidate: 14,363).

By December 20, 2011	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the presidential primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (646a)
December 30, 2011	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on presidential primary ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By January 14, 2012	County clerks deliver A.V. ballots for presidential primary to local clerks. (714)
January 19, 2012 through February 7, 2012	Local election commissions appoint precinct inspectors for presidential primary. (674)
By January 23, 2012	Notice of close of registration for presidential primary published. (498)
January 30, 2012	Last date to register for presidential primary. (498)
By 4:00 p.m., February 17, 2012	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (168.737a as amended under PA 87 of 2006)
By February 18, 2012	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for presidential primary to local clerks. (714)
By February 21, 2012	Notice of presidential primary published. (653a)
By February 23, 2012	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 2:00 p.m., February 25, 2012	Electors who wish to receive an A.V. ballot for the presidential primary by mail submit A.V. applications. (759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., February 27, 2012	Electors qualified to obtain an A.V. ballot for presidential primary may vote in person in clerk's office. (761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2012	Emergency A.V. voting for presidential primary. (759b)
February 28, 2012	Presidential Primary (613a)
1:00 p.m., February 29, 2012	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass presidential primary. (821)

By March 13, 2012	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of presidential primary; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (581, 822, 828)
By March 19, 2012	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass presidential primary. (581)
By May 28, 2012	County, city and township clerks submit reimbursement vouchers for presidential primary. (624g)