



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Statewide Petition Status, 2021-2022 Election Cycle

Sponsor	Type	Filing Deadline	# of Valid Signatures Required	Summary / Status
Unlock MI	Initiative Petition	June 1, 2022 (5 p.m.)	340,047	<p>An initiation of legislation to repeal the Emergency Powers of Governor Act, 1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to 10.33, entitled “An act authorizing the governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the governor with respect thereto; and to prescribe penalties.”</p> <p>Petition summary and form approved by the Board of State Canvassers on July 6, 2020. Signatures filed on October 2, 2020. Canvass complete. Staff Report issued April 19, 2021. The Board of State Canvassers deadlocked 2-2 on whether to certify the petition contains sufficient signatures on April 22, 2021.</p>
Fair and Equal MI	Initiative Petition	June 1, 2022 (5 p.m.)	340,047	<p>An initiation of legislation to amend Section 103 of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Public Act 453 of 1976, MCL 37.2103. The Act prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, public service, and educational institutions because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status. Section 103 of the Act does not define “sex” or “religion.” If enacted, the proposed initiated law would for purposes of the Act define “sex” as including gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression; and would define “religion” as including the religious beliefs of an individual.</p> <p>Petition summary and form approved by the Board of State Canvassers on January 28, 2020. Signatures filed on October 13, 2020. Canvass in progress.</p>
Patriot Party	New Political Party	July 21, 2022 (4 p.m.)	42,506	<p>A petition to organize a new state political party and place the names of the candidates of the Patriot Party on the ballot at the November 8, 2022 election.</p> <p>Petition approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on April 22, 2021. In circulation.</p>