



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

SUGGESTED REPORT TEMPLATE
DISTRICTS THAT FALL IN MORE THAN
A SINGLE CITY OR TOWNSHIP

Suggested elements for the report filed by “election coordinating committee” convened for a district that falls in more than a single city or township include the following:

General Information

- Official name of district.
- Listing of the jurisdictions that wholly or partially fall within the district.
- Date of “election coordinating committee” meeting.
- Name of county clerk designated as the district’s “election coordinator.”
- Names and titles of the other members of the district’s “election coordinating committee.”
- Number of board positions elected in district, term lengths, board position expiration.

“Opt In” Jurisdictions (If Any)

A listing of those city and township clerks that have chosen to “opt in” and conduct the district’s elections in his or her city or township.

Note: The clerk of any city or township that falls in the district can opt to conduct the district’s elections in his or her city or township. Clerks making this choice must perform all of the duties associated with the conduct of the district’s elections in his or her city or township. Before exercising this option, the city or township clerk must consult with the other members of the city council or township board. Such agreements are binding for four years until amended. (MCL 168.305(3) as amended under PA 334 of 2010)

If a city or township clerk serving on the “election coordinating committee” opts to conduct the district’s elections in his or her city or township, the report should include a listing of the tasks which the clerk will perform whenever school district elections are held. Examples:

- Conduct district’s regular elections and special elections.
- Provide voting equipment for the district’s elections.
- Arrange for the programming/coding and testing of voting equipment.
- Publish notice of the “public accuracy test.”
- Publish “Notices of Close of Registration” and “Notices of Election.”
- Handle the distribution, receipt and processing of absentee ballot applications.
- Handle the issuance of absentee ballots and the return of voted absentee ballots.
- Establish precinct boundaries through the local election commission. (If different precinct boundaries for the conduct of the district’s elections are desired.)
- Designate polling places through the city council or township board. (If different polling places are needed for the conduct of the district’s elections.)
- Appoint election inspectors through the local election commission.
- Handle the setup of polling places on election day.
- Store voted ballots after the election.
- Prepare and present reimbursement requests to school district.

Election Duties

A statement which specifies who will handle the election duties listed below for those portions of the district which do not fall within a city or township that has opted to conduct the district’s elections.

Note: Duties marked with an asterisk (*) must be performed by the county clerk serving as the district’s “election coordinator” unless delegated to a city or township clerk under an agreement reached with the city or township clerk. The law does not extend the district’s “election coordinator” the authority to delegate duties associated with the conduct of the district’s elections to the school board secretary or school district personnel.

- Serve as the district’s filing official and accept candidate filings, check petitions for sufficiency, accept candidate withdrawals and certify candidates.* (Tasks must be performed by a single official in the district.)

- Receive special election resolutions and ballot proposal language adopted by the district's board.* (Task must be performed by a single official in the district.)
- Communicate receipt of special election resolutions and ballot proposal language to outlying non-coordinating county clerks for the purpose of ballot production and tabulator programming. *
- Handle the distribution, receipt and processing of absentee ballot applications. (The county clerk serving as the district's "election coordinator" may direct the city and township clerks in the district to handle this task.)
- Handle the issuance of absentee ballots and the return of the voted absentee ballots.*
- Order necessary precinct supply kits.*
- Provide voting equipment for the conduct of the district's elections. (The county clerk serving as the district's "election coordinator" may direct the city and township clerks in the district to meet this need.)
- Handle ballot printing and proofing.*
- Arrange for programming/coding and testing of voting equipment.*
- Request ballot proof from outlying county, city, township responsible for conducting special election if the district's "election coordinator" does not facilitate ballot production and programming of voting equipment.*
- Publish notice of the "public accuracy test."
- Publish "Notices of Close of Registration" and "Notices of Election."**
- Handle Qualified Voter File (QVF) related responsibilities (setting up election, production of precinct lists, updating voter history).*
- Appoint election inspectors for the district's elections. (This task must be handled by the county election commission established in the "election coordinator's" county. The county clerk serving as the district's "election coordinator" may direct the city and township clerks in the district to "provide the list of election inspectors for that city or township." As an alternative, the task may be delegated to a local election commission with the agreement of the county election commission members and the local election commission members.)
- Handle the setup of polling places on election day.*
- Handle election day issues and "troubleshooting."**
- Transmit election results to Board of Canvassers for the canvass and certification of the election.*

- Store voted ballots after the election.
- Prepare and present reimbursement requests to school district.*

Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places Established for District's Elections (If Necessary)

As Michigan election law now governs the administration of school elections, precincts established for the conduct of local school district elections, intermediate school district elections and community college district elections cannot contain more than 2,999 active registered voters. Precincts established for the conduct of school district election can cross city and township boundaries if desirable. The precincts must be established by the county election commission established in the "election coordinator's" county.

If the county election commission establishes separate precinct boundaries for the conduct of the district's elections, a description of the precinct boundaries and location of the polling places selected to serve the precincts must be attached to the report.

If there is no need to establish separate precinct boundaries for the conduct of the district's elections, a statement that the district's elections will be administered with the precincts and polling places established on the city/township level for the conduct of state and federal elections must be included in the report.

Note: Temporary precinct consolidations of up to 5,000 active registered voters are not required to be outlined in this report. The authority to execute temporary precinct consolidations lies with the County Election Commission and must be done no less than 60 days prior to a special election.

Signatures

All members of the "election coordinating committee" must sign the report and retain a copy for their records.

Filing Report

The original report must be mailed to the following address:

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, MI 48901-0726

Or

The original report may be emailed to the following address:

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