

INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

A proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution of 1963 by amending Article II, Section 4. If adopted the proposal would provide citizens qualified to vote in Michigan with the following rights: to vote a secret ballot; for military and overseas voters to be sent a ballot 45 days before an election; to vote straight party on all partisan general election ballots; to be automatically registered to vote when obtaining a driver's license or personal identification card from the Secretary of State, unless the person declines; to register to vote by mail on or before the 15th day before an election; to register to vote in person at any time with proof of residency; to vote an absentee ballot, by mail or in person, without giving a reason; and to have election results audited to ensure the accuracy of elections. This proposal is to be voted on at the November 6, 2018 general election.

The full text of the proposal appears on the reverse side of this petition along with the provisions of the existing constitution which would be altered or abrogated if the proposal is adopted.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of _____, State of Michigan, respectively petition for amendment to constitution.

WARNING — A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

INDICATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP IN WHICH REGISTERED TO VOTE	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
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SAMPLE

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross or check mark in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

WARNING — A circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

CIRCULATOR — Do not sign or date certificate until after circulating petition.

_____/_____/_____
(Signature of Circulator) (Date)

(Printed Name of Circulator)

Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route) [Do Not Enter a Post Office Box]

(City or Township, State, Zip Code)

(County of Registration, If Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)



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The proposal would amend Article II, Section 4 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 as follows (language added in capital letters; language deleted struck out with a line):

§4 Place and manner of elections.

Sec. 4. (1) EVERY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS AN ELECTOR QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN MICHIGAN SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- (A) THE RIGHT, ONCE REGISTERED, TO VOTE A SECRET BALLOT IN ALL ELECTIONS.
- (B) THE RIGHT, IF SERVING IN THE MILITARY OR LIVING OVERSEAS, TO HAVE AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT SENT TO THEM AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION UPON APPLICATION.
- (C) THE RIGHT, ONCE REGISTERED, TO A "STRAIGHT PARTY" VOTE OPTION ON PARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS. IN PARTISAN ELECTIONS, THE BALLOT SHALL INCLUDE A POSITION AT THE TOP OF THE BALLOT BY WHICH THE VOTER MAY, BY A SINGLE SELECTION, RECORD A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET VOTE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES OF ONE (1) PARTY. THE VOTER MAY VOTE A SPLIT OR MIXED TICKET.
- (D) THE RIGHT TO BE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED TO VOTE AS A RESULT OF CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, UNLESS THE PERSON DECLINES SUCH REGISTRATION.
- (E) THE RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR AN ELECTION BY MAILING A COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTEENTH (15TH) DAY BEFORE THAT ELECTION TO AN ELECTION OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS.
- (F) THE RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR AN ELECTION BY (1) APPEARING IN PERSON AND SUBMITTING A COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTEENTH (15TH) DAY BEFORE THAT ELECTION TO AN ELECTION OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS, OR (2) BEGINNING ON THE FOURTEENTH (14TH) DAY BEFORE THAT ELECTION AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE END OF THE ELECTION, APPEARING IN PERSON, SUBMITTING A COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION AND PROVIDING PROOF OF RESIDENCY TO AN ELECTION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING CUSTODY OF THE REGISTRATION FILE WHERE THE PERSON RESIDES, OR THEIR DEPUTIES. PERSONS REGISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(F) SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A REGULAR OR ABSENT VOTER BALLOT.
- (G) THE RIGHT, ONCE REGISTERED, TO VOTE AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT WITHOUT GIVING A REASON, DURING THE FORTY (40) DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION, AND THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHETHER THE ABSENT VOTER BALLOT IS APPLIED FOR, RECEIVED AND SUBMITTED IN PERSON OR BY MAIL. DURING THAT TIME, ELECTION OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST ONE (1) LOCATION TO ISSUE AND RECEIVE

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS DURING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS' REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUSINESS HOURS AND FOR AT LEAST EIGHT (8) HOURS DURING THE SATURDAY AND/OR SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. THOSE ELECTION OFFICIALS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS AVAILABLE FOR VOTING IN PERSON AT ADDITIONAL TIMES AND PLACES BEYOND WHAT IS REQUIRED HEREIN.

- (H) THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE RESULTS OF STATEWIDE ELECTIONS AUDITED, IN SUCH MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY AND INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS.

ALL RIGHTS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SELF-EXECUTING. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED IN FAVOR OF VOTERS' RIGHTS IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSES. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PREVENT THE LEGISLATURE FROM EXPANDING VOTERS' RIGHTS BEYOND WHAT IS PROVIDED HEREIN. THIS SUBSECTION AND ANY PORTION HEREOF SHALL BE SEVERABLE. IF ANY PORTION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS HELD INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE AS TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE, THAT INVALIDITY OR UNENFORCEABILITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY, ENFORCEABILITY, OR APPLICATION OF ANY OTHER PORTION OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS CONSTITUTION OR IN THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES the legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place and manner of all nominations and elections, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the constitution and laws of the United States. The legislature shall enact laws to preserve the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective franchise, and to provide for a system of voter registration and absentee voting. No law shall be enacted which permits a candidate in any partisan primary or partisan election to have a ballot designation except when required for identification of candidates for the same office who have the same or similar surnames.

Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by the proposal if adopted:

ARTICLE II
ELECTIONS

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