



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
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Statewide Petition Status: 2023-2024 Election Cycle
April 2024

The petitions listed below have been submitted to the Board of State Canvassers (Board). This document will continue to be updated as new petitions are submitted, language is approved by the Board and other changes occur.

Initiative Petitions

Submitted after June 1, 2022, 5:00 PM but before November 8, 2022, 5:00 PM
340,047 Signatures Required

[Raise the Wage](#)

Initiation of legislation amending Improved Workforce Opportunity Wage Act, 2018 PA 337, MCL 408.932 and 408.934, and adding MCL 408.934e, to: increase minimum wage to \$11/hour in 2023, \$12 in 2024, \$13 in 2025, \$14 in 2026, and \$15 in 2027, regardless of unemployment rate; in following years, increase minimum wage based on inflation rate for urban wage-earners (CPI-W); adjust over 6 years the minimum employer-paid portion of pay for workers receiving tips until it matches minimum wage for all employees; provide that employees keep tips unless they agree to share them with other non-manager employees; remove state authority to approve lower minimum wage based on determination that minor, apprentice or disability status reduces productivity.

Status: The Board considered the sufficiency of the petition at the [October 20, 2023 meeting](#). The Board deadlock on the vote.

Submitted after November 8, 2022, 5:00 PM
356,958 Signatures Required

[Michigan Justice Advocacy](#)

A petition to reinstate a good time program in the Michigan Department of Corrections that will allow a majority of prisoners to earn credit toward a reduction in their sentences by exhibiting positive behavior and avoiding major misconduct violations.

Status: The Board approved the form of the petition at the [July 17, 2023 meeting](#). Petition in circulation.

[Michigan Citizens for the Protection of Farmland](#)

Initiation of legislation to create the "Michigan Agriculture Land Preservation Act" to prohibit certain utility-scale solar installations on agriculturally zone land.

Status: Petitioner withdrew petition summary from Board of State Canvassers Agenda at [April 28, 2023 meeting](#).

[Michigan Initiatives for Action](#)

Initiation of legislation to amend the Freedom of Information Act. The initiated law would expand the Act to hold the executive and legislative branches subject to public information requests (Act 422 of 1976, MCL 15.232, Sec. 2(h)).

Status: The Board approved the form of the petition at the [July 17, 2023 meeting](#). Petition in circulation.

[Citizens for Local Choice](#)

A proposed initiated law to allow local units of government to retain authority to regulate the development of solar, wind, or energy storage facilities in their jurisdictions by repealing laws that mandate statewide standards for energy facilities and permit the Michigan Public Service Commission to override local energy facility development decisions. If enacted, this proposal will allow local units of government to continue to determine their own standards regarding setback distance, structure height, and the amount of light and sound emitted by energy facilities, and to exercise final authority over the construction of energy facilities within their jurisdictions.

Status: Submitted petition with [printer's affidavit](#) on January 12, 2024. Description [approved by Board](#) on January 18, 2024. Petition in circulation.

Constitutional Amendments

Submitted after November 8, 2022, 5:00 PM
446,198 Signatures Required

[Axe Mi Tax, Inc](#)

A proposal to amend the state constitution to prohibit the taxation of property and fund local revenue sharing.

Status:

- January 18, 2024 AxMiTax supplied an amended petition and printer's affidavit to the Bureau.
- January 19, 2024, the Board approved the summary of the amended constitutional amendment sponsored by AxMiTax as drafted by the Director of Elections and amended by the Board.
- January 24, 2024 AxMiTax withdrew its petition.
- January 31 submitted new [printers affidavit](#) without Board approval. Petition in circulation.

Referendum Petitions

[Referendums of Michigan Petition 1](#)

A referendum to overturn Public Act 2 of 2023, which moves the Presidential Primary to February 27, 2024, and the fourth Tuesday in February in future presidential election years.

Status: On [November 27, 2023](#), the Board rejected the first referenda petition submitted by Referendums of Michigan LLC because the language lacks the appropriate reference to the public act, by not having the year of the public act included.

Referendums of Michigan Petition 2

A referendum to overturn Public Act 38 of 2023, which creates the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.

Status: On [December 18, 2023](#), the Board approved the form of the second referenda petition submitted by Referendums of Michigan LLC. Petition in circulation.
February 27, 2024 sponsor indicated they were ending circulation of petition.

New Political Party

N/A