



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

Deadline to file to appear on Nov. 8, 2022 Ballot: June 1, 2022, 5:00 PM
340,047 Signatures Required

[Unlock MI \(Unlock II\)](#)

[Unlock MI \(with checkbox\)](#)

An initiation of legislation to amend Sections 2253 and 2453 of the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.2253 and MCL 2453. The current Act authorizes the director of the department of health and human services and local health officers to determine that control of an infectious disease outbreak is necessary to protect the public health and issue emergency orders. This proposal would require determinations be in writing and would make an emergency order expire after 28 days unless the state legislature or a local governing body extends it.

Petition summary and form approved by the Board on [July 13, 2021](#). Second form containing checkboxes in response to an order by the Michigan Supreme Court approved by the Board on [February 11, 2022](#). In circulation.

[Secure MI Vote](#)

[Secure MI Vote \(with checkbox\)](#)

Initiation of legislation amending the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.495, 523, 759, 759a, 759b, 761, 761b, 813, and adding 168.523b, 760a, 946, to: require partial social security number for voter registration; require photo ID for in-person voters; require driver's license, state-ID, partial social security number or photo ID on absentee ballot application; require voters who don't provide this ID to present ID in person within 6 days after election to have their vote counted; provide state-funded IDs to applicants with hardships; specify minimum times clerks must accept absentee ballots for in-person or dropbox delivery; prohibit officials from making absentee ballot applications available except upon voter request; prohibit donations to fund elections.

Petition summary approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [September 23, 2021](#). Form of the petition approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [September 27, 2021](#). Second form containing checkboxes in response to an order by the Michigan Supreme Court approved by the Board on [February 11, 2022](#). Petition filed with Bureau of Elections on July 29, 2022.

Michigan United

Initiation of legislation to: repeal Truth in Sentencing law and eliminate mandatory minimum sentences extended by disciplinary time for misconduct; establish new types of earned credits that reduce prisoner sentences for earning a college degree or certification, being employed in prison, working in a training program, or earning special rehabilitation credits for prisoners with disabilities; allow prisoners sentenced as minors or military veterans to earn additional credits; establish board to review prisoner records and earned credits; require Department of Corrections to promulgate rules for disciplinary time and earned credits; apply law to everyone sentenced for a crime committed in Michigan.

Petition summary approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [November 15, 2021](#). Form approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [December 14, 2021](#). In circulation

Yes on National Popular Vote

Initiation of legislation to: declare Michigan's public policy is that the candidate who receives the most votes nationwide should become president; enter Michigan into a national popular vote agreement, effective when adopted by states which combined have over half the electoral college votes for president, requiring each member state to select presidential electors based on the candidate receiving the most votes nationwide; require the Michigan Secretary of State determine the national popular vote winner by adding vote totals in all states as determined by each state; require Michigan to choose presidential electors based on the national popular vote winner.

Petition summary approved by the Board on [October 26, 2021](#). Form of the petition approved on [November 15, 2021](#). In circulation.

Let MI Kids Learn (A)

Initiation of legislation to create the Student Opportunity Scholarship Act, to: establish Student Opportunity Scholarship program; require scholarship-granting organizations (SGOs) be nonprofits certified by the Michigan Treasury Department; require SGOs establish a uniform system for awarding, to students meeting income, disability, or foster-care requirements, nontaxable scholarships of up to \$500 for public school students, \$1,100 for public school students with disabilities, and 90% of the annual public school per-pupil funding amount (currently \$8,700) for nonpublic school students; require scholarships be used only for qualifying education expenses; require SGOs spend no more than 10% of annual contributions on administrative expenses; provide funding to implement the proposal.

Petition summary and form approved by the Board on [November 29, 2021](#). Petition filed with Bureau of Elections on August 10, 2022.

Let MI Kids Learn (B)

Initiation of legislation amending the Michigan Income Tax Act, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.30 and MCL 206.697, and adding MCL 206.279 and MCL 206.679 to: allow taxpayers to claim tax credits for contributions for education expenses under the Student Opportunity Scholarship program; set a maximum of \$500,000,000 in total tax credits that can be claimed per year; require the annual maximum to increase by 20% if in the prior year, at least 90% of available tax credits were claimed; provide funding to implement the proposal.

Petition summary and form approved by the Board on [November 29, 2021](#). Petition filed with Bureau of Elections on August 26, 2022

[Michiganders for Fair Lending](#)

Initiation of legislation amending the deferred presentment service transaction act, 2005 PA 244, sections 2, 33, and 40 (MCL 487.2122, 487.2153, and 487.2160), and adding new section 40a (MCL 487.2160a) to: describe deferred presentment service transactions as payday loans, prohibit service fees on these loans that are above an annual percentage rate of 36 percent; deem transactions that exceed this rate void and unenforceable; and provide powers to the Attorney General to enforce and penalize attempts to evade the Act's requirements.

Petition summary approved by the Board on [December 14, 2021](#). Form of the petition conditionally approved on [February 11, 2022](#). The Board of State Canvassers found the initiative petition submitted by Michiganders for Fair Lending insufficient on July 21, 2022.

[Audit MI](#)

Initiation of legislation amending Michigan Election Law to: transfer election audit authority from secretary of state and county clerks to audit board of 10 Republican and 10 Democratic Party delegates selected by House speaker and minority leader; create grand jury of 7 Party delegates selected by speaker and 6 by minority leader; require audit board hire contractors to review, for the 2020 and subsequent statewide elections, protected election materials, equipment, and voters, and disclose findings; allow grand jury to issue subpoenas, arrest warrants for noncompliance, and criminal immunity for cooperation; require audit board raise funding for audit with no disclosure requirement of private funding sources.

Petition summary approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [January 19, 2022](#). Approval as to form pending.

[Michiganders for Fair Lending II](#)

Initiation of legislation amending the Deferred Presentment Service Transaction Act, 2005 PA 244, MCL 487.2121, 487.2122, 487.2152, 487.2153, and 487.2160, and adding MCL 487.2160a to: rename the law the "Limit Interest Rates and Fees on Payday Loans Act"; describe deferred presentment service transactions as "payday loans" and licensees as "payday lenders"; prohibit service fees on these loans that are above an annual percentage rate of 36 percent, which lowers the maximum allowable rate, and require a consumer warning of the maximum rate; deem transactions that exceed this rate void and unenforceable; and provide powers to the Attorney General to enforce and penalize attempts to evade the Act's requirements.

Petition summary approved and form conditionally approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [February 11, 2022](#). In circulation.

[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.

Petition summary approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [January 19, 2022](#). Form of the petition approved on [March 23, 2022](#). Petition filed with Bureau of Elections on July 26, 2022.

[Michigan Initiative for Community Healing](#)

Initiation of legislation amending the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7403, 333.7404, 333.7451, and adding MCL 333.7462, to:

reduce the maximum penalty for possessing non-prescribed drugs from felony to misdemeanor; prohibit prosecution for minuscule amounts of drugs found on paraphernalia; describe psychedelic plants and mushrooms as natural plants and mushrooms; decriminalize production and use of these plants and mushrooms; provide exemptions from penalties for sale, provision, and supervising use of these plants and mushrooms for medical and religious purposes.

Petition summary approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [February 11, 2022](#). Form of the petition approved on [March 23, 2022](#). In circulation.

[Revive Michigan Elections](#)

Initiated Legislation: An Act by the People of the State of Michigan to make findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the integrity of the 2020 general election and finding by a preponderance of the evidence that fraud changed the outcome. The People must legally determine the proper winner of the 2020 election, properly assign the electoral votes of Michigan to the rightful winner and urge advocacy by the Michigan government for correction of the 2020 Presidential election in other states. This petition instructs the legislature on a new election system and the rights of the People.

Petition filed on March 31, 2022 (Sponsors elected not to seek approval as to form or approval of the summary of purpose). In circulation.

Constitutional Amendments

Deadline to file to appear on Nov. 8, 2022 Ballot: June 1, 2022, 5:00 PM
425,059 Signatures Required

[Reproductive Freedom for All](#)

Constitutional Amendment to: establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility; allow state to prohibit abortion after fetal viability unless needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health; forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment; and invalidate all state laws that conflict with this amendment. Petition summary approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [January 19, 2022](#). Form of the petition conditionally approved on [March 23, 2022](#). In circulation.

Petition filed with Bureau of Elections on July 11, 2022.

On September 9, 2022, the Board of State Canvassers certified that this petition contains at least the minimum number of valid signatures required under the State Constitution to appear on the ballot.

[MI Right to Vote A](#)

Constitutional amendment to: make the deadline to submit petition signatures for a voter-initiated referendum to approve or reject a law 6 months after its enactment, instead of 90 days after legislative

session; allow referendums on laws with funding appropriations; require that petition signatures for voter-initiated laws and constitutional amendments be counted, on a statewide basis, 60 days before election day, be determined valid if gathered within 2 years of filing, and be submitted 120 days before election day; eliminate legislature's power to approve voter-initiated law; require voters or 3/4 vote of the legislature to reenact laws rejected by referendums.

Petition summary approved and form conditionally approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [February 11, 2022](#). In circulation.

MI Right to Vote B

Constitutional amendment to: recognize fundamental right to vote; require 2 weekends of in-person absentee voting; require absentee-ballot drop boxes; provide voters right to receive absentee-ballot applications without requesting them; require absentee applications and ballots be postage prepaid; provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signature; allow officials to prepare for counting absentee ballots during the 7 days before election day; prohibit laws imposing undue burden on voting, laws banning donations to fund elections, laws requiring ID to vote absentee or social-security number to register, laws allowing recording of voters, and laws discriminating against election challengers; require legislature fund elections.

Petition summary approved and form conditionally approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [February 11, 2022](#). In circulation.

Promote the Vote 2022

Constitutional amendment to: recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct; require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day; provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement; provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections; require state-funded postage for absentee applications and ballots; require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes; provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits; require 9 days of early in-person voting; allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed; require canvass boards to certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Petition summary approved and form conditionally approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [February 11, 2022](#).

Petition filed with Bureau of Elections on July 11, 2022.

On September 9, 2022, the Board of State Canvassers certified that this petition contains at least the minimum number of valid signatures required under the State Constitution to appear on the ballot.

Voters for Transparency and Term Limits

Constitutional amendment to: require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general to file annual public financial disclosure and transaction reports after 2023; require legislature to enact laws with disclosure rules at least as stringent as those required for members of Congress under federal law; replace current term limits for state representative and state senator with a 12-year total limit in any combination between the House and Senate, with exception that someone elected to Senate in 2022 can be elected the number of times allowed when the person became a candidate.

Petition summary approved and form of the petition conditionally approved by the Board of State Canvassers on [March 23, 2022](#). In circulation.

New Political Party

Deadline to file to appear on Nov. 8, 2022 Ballot: July 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

42,506 Signatures Required

Patriot Party

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.

Petition approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on [April 22, 2021](#). In circulation.