



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY, ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNMENT



Governor Whitmer is committed to ensuring that Michiganders have a transparent, responsive state government and can make their voices heard at the ballot box.

Upholding fair elections & ensuring voter protections

- Signed bills [implementing Proposal 2](#), expanding voting rights in Michigan.
- Signed bills expanding voting rights for overseas [military members and families](#).
- Signed [bills](#) allowing pre-processing of absentee ballots two days before Election Day.
- [Signed bills](#) expanding voting rights and allow rideshares to polling places.
- [Signed](#) bills improving election security, efficiency, and ensuring every vote cast is counted.
- [Signed bills](#) creating uniform term start dates and ensuring that elected officials are not sworn in until results are certified, strengthening protections for our secure elections.
- [Signed bills](#) prohibiting individuals from serving on a board of canvassers if they have been convicted of certain election crimes, and clarifying both the petition process and the timeframe for election lawsuits.
- [Signed a bill](#) prohibiting the use of AI to deceive voters.
- Vetoed bills that would have [disenfranchised](#) or [intimidated](#) voters and [weakened campaign finance requirements](#).
- [Invested millions](#) to improve elections, fight gerrymandering, and ensure census accuracy. Also [secured](#) new state and federal funding from the Help America Vote Act to modernize election equipment and systems.
- [Protected voters](#) and poll workers protecting voters by making it illegal to possess a firearm at polling locations.
- [Enacted a budget](#) investing in cybersecurity, election administration, and voter access.
- [Signed](#) executive directive calling on departments to find ways to expand Michiganders' access to voting opportunities.
- [Signed](#) executive directive updating and expanding the list of Michigan's voter registration agencies.
- Launched the [MI First Vote Tour](#), led by Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, to educate residents about voting and ensure young voters have everything they need for a successful first vote.
- Identify opportunities to [help eligible Michigan residents register to vote](#).
- Led a group of governors urging U.S. Congress to [pass voting rights legislation](#) amidst unprecedented attacks on voting rights.

Driving greater transparency in state government

- [Voluntarily](#) disclosed public calendars, federal income tax returns, and personal financial information.
- [Signed bills increasing](#) transparency for elected officials by strengthening requirements for financial disclosures.
- Signed bills to close the "[Revolving Door](#)," reducing opportunities for corruption by requiring a 2-year cooling off period for state elected officials before they work as a lobbyist.
- [Signed bills](#) increasing transparency on legislative earmarks, adding information and oversight to protect taxpayer dollars in state budgets.
- Signed a bill to [expand transparency and accountability](#) by ensuring government bodies create and maintain audio recordings of their meetings.
- [Signed](#) bills implementing Proposal 1, improving transparency in state government.
- Signed a bill to make the [Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission](#) more transparent by ensuring all meetings are public.
- Signed executive directives to:
 - Identify opportunities to [help eligible Michigan residents register to vote](#).
 - Require reporting of [irregularities relating to public money or public property](#) to ensure state government is transparent and accountable to taxpayers.
 - Establish high standards of [ethical conduct for employees within the executive branch](#) to ensure public confidence in state government leaders.
 - [Prohibit the solicitation and receipt of political contributions](#) in all state government facilities to curtail improper political influence.
 - [Prohibit the use of private email](#) for the conduct of state business within the executive branch to ensure transparency in state government activities.
 - [Strengthen the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act](#) by closing loopholes, establishing liaisons to facilitate public requests, and [modernizing access](#) to public records.
- [Signed](#) executive order to streamline and [Restructured](#) sixteen boards, councils, and commissions to better serve Michiganders.

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