

New Michigan Voter Laws

DATES TO REMEMBER

Election Dates

November 3, 2020 State General Election

Registration/Voting Deadlines

October 19, 2020 Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November general election.

October 20, 2020 through 8:00 p.m. November 3, 2020 In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency.

Online registration: Yes

Same-day registration: Yes

Voter ID: Photo ID (affidavit option for those without ID)

Poll times: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Basics

- Michigan permits online voter registration.
- Michigan permits no-excuse absentee voting and early voting.
- Michigan voters are asked to provide photo identification at the polls. If a voter cannot provide photo ID, he or she must sign an affidavit before casting a regular ballot.

Voter Eligibility

- A Michigan resident at the time you register and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days when you vote.
- A United States citizen.
- At least 18 years of age when you vote.
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison.

Voter registration

- To vote in Michigan, one must be a United States citizen and a resident of Michigan. A voter must be at least 18 years old by Election Day.

- Voters can register to vote by mail; at county, city, or township clerk's offices; or by visiting any state department branch office. Same-day registration is available.

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Automatic registration

- Michigan automatically registers eligible individuals to vote when they apply for or update their driver's license or personal identification cards.

Online registration

- Michigan has implemented an online voter registration system. Residents can register to vote by visiting this website.

Same-day registration

Michigan allows same-day voter registration.

Verification of citizenship

- Michigan does not require proof of citizenship for voter registration.

Absentee Voting

- Absent voter ballots are available to registered voters for all elections.

Who is Eligible for an Absentee Voter Ballot

- Due to the passage of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

Voter identification

- Michigan **requires voters to present photo identification** while voting. **The following list of accepted ID was current as of November 2019.**
- Michigan driver's license
- Michigan personal identification card
- Current driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state
- Current federal or state government-issued photo ID
- Current U.S. passport
- Current military identification card with photo
- Current student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Current tribal identification card with photo.

A voter who does not have an acceptable form of identification can cast a ballot by signing an affidavit.

- Voters can obtain a state identification card at a secretary of state branch office for \$10.
- Voters over the age of 65, voters who are blind, and voters whose driving privileges have been terminated due to a physical or mental disability can obtain an identification card for free. Additionally, voters who can present a reason for having the fee waived may also obtain an ID for free.

In Michigan, individuals in prison or jail for committing a felony are not eligible to vote unless they are awaiting trial or arraignment. Upon completion of their prison or jail sentence, voting rights are automatically restored.