

Voter Registration

How to register to vote in Michigan

Methods and requirements for voter registration depend on the following deadlines:

If there are 15+ days before an election, voters can register online, by mail, or in person.

Within 14 days of an election, and on Election Day, voters may only register by visiting their local clerk's office or satellite office to register in person with proof of residency documentation.

Are you registered with the State of Michigan? Check here:



Register online here:



Find your city clerk to register in person:



What Type of ID Do I Need to Register?

- No ID is required
- If you have a Michigan driver's license or state ID, put down the license or ID number on the registration form.
- If you do not have a Michigan driver's license or state ID, put down the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

What Type of ID Do I Need to Vote?

Election workers will ask you for a photo ID, but if you do not have one, you will sign an affidavit that you do not have ID or don't have it on you and vote a ballot that will be counted on Election Day. Bring your photo ID if you have it because it will make the process faster. Acceptable IDs include:

- a driver's license or identification card issued by Michigan or another state,
- a U.S. passport,
- a photo ID issued by a federal or state government,
- a military ID with photo,
- a high school or college photo ID, or
- a tribal ID with photo.

Where Do I Vote?



- Polling place locator:
- Voters must cast their ballots in the correct precinct. Sometimes there are multiple precincts in one polling place, so confirm your precinct ahead of time and get in the correct line!

How Can I Vote?

Absentee Voting by Mail or In Person

- If you registered to vote in Michigan by mail or third-party registration drive and have not previously voted in the state, you will be required to vote in person on Election Day (or cast an absentee ballot in person at a municipal clerk's office – see below). If you registered in person (at a municipal clerk's office or Secretary of State's office), you can vote absentee. Michigan only allows exceptions for this rule for active duty military, voters over age 60, or voters suffering from a disability. First-time voters only complete an "in-person" registration (such that they can vote absentee if they choose) if they register with the municipal clerk's office for the address they list on the registration form or if they register at the Secretary of State's office.
- Michigan residents may apply for an absentee ballot if they have a valid reason. Valid reasons include expecting to be out of town on Election Day, being at least 60 years old, unable to vote without assistance at the polls, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, religious reasons, or appointment as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your own.
- Requests for absentee ballots must be received in writing by your local election official by 2 p.m. the Saturday before Election Day.
- Completed ballots must be returned to the municipal clerk's office before 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- A voter may request and cast an absentee ballot at a municipal clerk's office up until the day before Election Day.
- Since it occurs in person, first-time voters may take advantage of this, even if they did not register in person.

On Election Day polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.