



Dear Neighbor,

Every election is important, but this year will be especially significant for voters in Michigan. In 2026, we will elect candidates at nearly every level of government, including:

- **Governor**
- **Secretary of state**
- **Attorney general**
- **U.S. senator**
- **U.S. representative**
- **State senator**
- **State representative**

Recent voter-approved ballot initiatives in 2018 and 2022 modernized Michigan's election laws, expanding voting options and changing how — and when — Michiganders can cast their ballots.

There are several ways to cast your ballot in Michigan. Whether you choose to vote early, by mail using an absentee ballot or in person on Election Day, I hope this guide helps you decide which option is best for you.

To check your voter registration, view a sample ballot, find your polling place or learn more about absentee or early voting, visit [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote) or contact your local clerk's office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or if I can assist you with any state matter.

Sincerely,

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# VOTER GUIDE



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## REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Michigan residents can register to vote or update their address online, by mail or in person up to 15 days before an election.

Within 14 days of an election, and on Election Day, voters may only register to vote in person at their local clerk's office or satellite office. To register, you must provide proof of residency that includes your name and current address. Acceptable documents include:

- A Michigan driver's license, state identification card or U.S. passport.
- A utility bill.
- Insurance documents (health, car, home, etc.).
- A bank or credit card statement.
- A lease agreement.
- A paycheck or government check.
- Another government document.

## TO REGISTER TO VOTE, YOU MUST BE:

- A U.S. citizen;
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison;
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day; and
- A Michigan resident and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days before Election Day.

Scan the QR code to check your registration status or find your local clerk's office.



## ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter can vote by mail using an absentee ballot. You can request a ballot online at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote), by mail or from your local clerk's office. Absentee ballots are mailed beginning 40 days before the election. Voters in the military and living overseas who have applied for an absentee ballot are sent their ballots at least 45 days before an election.

Voters can also join the **permanent absentee ballot list** by checking a box on the application. Once added, you'll automatically receive absentee ballots for all future elections.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN BE RETURNED:

- By mail using the prepaid envelope provided with the ballot.
- Using one of your local municipality's secure drop boxes.
- In person on Election Day at your polling place.
- In person at your early voting site.
- In person at your local clerk's office.

Absentee ballots must be received by the local clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Military and overseas ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by their local clerk within six days after the election to be counted.

## EARLY VOTING

For statewide and federal elections, voters in Michigan can vote in person at least nine days before an election. Some communities may offer up to 29 days of early voting.

In-person early voting takes place at a location designated by your city or township clerk. After marking your ballot, you'll place it in the tabulator, just as you would on Election Day.

Scan the QR code to find your early voting location.



## WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT IN 2026?

In 2026, voters will elect a new governor, secretary of state and attorney general. Voters will also elect representatives to the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, the Michigan Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives. Local offices and ballot measures may also appear on your ballot.

Scan the QR code to view your sample ballot.

