

ELECTIONS



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN MICHIGAN?

In order to vote in Michigan you must be:

- ✦ A citizen of the United States
- ✦ At least 18 years of age by election day
- ✦ A resident of Michigan for at least 30 days
- ✦ Have registered at least 30 days prior to the election in which you wish to vote

WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You may register at any of the following locations:

- ✦ At the office of your city, township or county clerk
- ✦ At the branch office of the Secretary of State when you obtain or change the address on your driver's license
- ✦ On the internet at www.michigan.gov/sos
Call the Clerk's office at (586) 786-0010 ext 507 for details/instructions

WHEN DO I HAVE TO CHANGE MY REGISTRATION?

If you change your address WITHIN Washington Township, you may:

- ✦ Send a note to the Clerk's office by mail
- ✦ Return your original voter ID card and indicate your new address
- ✦ Change address at a branch office of the Secretary of State when changing your driver's license
Call the Clerk's office at (586) 786-0010 ext 507 for details/instruction

You will then be placed in the correct precinct and issued a new voter registration card. Changes in name due to marriage or legal action require re-registration and a new signature. If you move from one community to another, you must re-register in the community in which you reside.

MUST I RE-REGISTER FROM TIME TO TIME?

Registration in Michigan is kept current by maintaining your correct personal information (name/address) and by voting. Keep in mind that your Driver's License must match voter registration information. Business addresses or post office boxes are not acceptable. To check to see if you are currently registered, contact the Clerk's office or visit www.sospublicus.org.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Each voter must vote in the voting place designated to serve the precinct in which they reside. This location is indicated on your voter ID card or you may call your Clerk's office at (586) 786-0010 ext. 507.

WHEN ARE THE POLLS OPEN ON ELECTION DAY?

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m. Anyone in line at 8:00 p.m. is eligible to vote.

DO I VOTE AT THE SAME PLACE EACH TIME?

Yes, recent changes in State mandated elections consolidation resulted in local township and city Clerks assuming the responsibility to administer school elections. The same township polling location will now be used for all local, state, federal and school elections.

I HAVE A PHYSICAL HANDICAP, MAY I VOTE AT THE POLLS?

Yes, polling places are handicap accessible. Persons with a physical handicap are also eligible to vote by absentee ballot. If you are interested in being placed on a permanent absentee voter listing, contact the Clerk's office at (586) 786-0010 ext 507.

Voter Assist Terminals (known as AutoMarks) are also available at each polling location to aid those voters who may be visually or hearing impaired, or physically challenged, to mark a ballot unassisted.

If you are blind, unable to read or otherwise unable to vote by yourself, you may bring someone to assist you, or ask the election inspector for assistance. The law prohibits an agent from your union or your employer from assisting you at the polls.



Macomb County, Michigan

VOTER INFORMATION

WHEN MAY I VOTE ABSENTEE?

- ✦ You are 60 years of age or older
- ✦ You expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered to vote the entire time the polls are open
- ✦ You are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another
- ✦ You are prohibited from attending the polls because of the tenants of your religion
- ✦ You have been appointed to serve as an election worker in a precinct other than the one in which you reside
- ✦ You are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial



HOW DO I OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Application must be made in writing to your local clerk. Applications are available at the Clerk's office approximately 6 weeks prior to every election.

The Clerk's office maintains a permanent list of voters who wish to automatically receive absentee applications. If you wish to be added, please call the Clerk's office at (586) 786-0010 ext 507.

HOW DO I BECOME AN ELECTION WORKER?

Washington Township has 9 precincts that require many inspectors on election day. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a paid volunteer, please contact the Clerk's office for additional information.



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General Info (586) 786-0010 ext 507

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

(except Holidays)