



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
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LWW is the organization where your hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to tangible civic improvement.

## TIPS FOR VOTING

### Requirements for registering to vote:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age by date of election
- You are a Michigan resident
- Register to vote at least 30 days before the election.

### How to register to vote in federal, state and local elections:

- By mail; a mail-in voter register form is available at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)
- Or at your county, city, or township clerk's office
- Or at any Secretary of State branch office
- If you have a Michigan driver's license, it must have the same address as your voter registration
- You can check to see if you are registered to vote at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

**\*\* A person who registers to vote by mail, or during a voter registration drive MUST VOTE IN PERSON IN THE FIRST ELECTION IN WHICH HE OR SHE PARTICIPATES UNLESS** the voter is hand-capped, is over 60 years of age, presents a valid ID to a clerk more than 30 days before the election, or submits the absentee ballot application in person at the clerk's office.

### The voting process:

- You must vote in the precinct in which you are registered unless you are voting absentee. If you aren't sure where your voting place is, you can call your clerk, or check online at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) or [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).
- If your name is not on the list of registered voters you are entitled to receive a provisional ballot, if you are willing to swear that you believe you registered to vote. The person votes the provisional ballot, which is then placed in an envelope, and then has six days to show he or she is a properly registered voter.
- All voters are required to show a photo identification. If you do not have with you a photo ID, you must sign an "Affidavit of Voter not in Possession of Picture Identification" form in order to get a ballot.

The affidavit can be used by:

- 1) Voters who do not have acceptable photo ID, or
- 2) Voters who have a photo ID but who didn't bring it to the polls.

Once you sign the affidavit, you may cast your ballot. It will be counted with all other ballots on Election Day.

### Acceptable photo IDs:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by the state of Michigan or by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal identification card with photo.

If you do not have a photo ID, you may get a state picture ID from your local Secretary of State branch. Picture IDs cost \$10.00, but are free for some individuals.

### Absentee Ballots/Voting Early:

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot from your clerk's office or you can download a request for an absentee ballot at <http://www.michigan.gov/vote>. Absentee ballots are available 45 days prior to the election.

You must meet one of the following conditions:

- Age 60 years or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on election day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

State Law requires the Clerk's Office to be open 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on the Saturday prior to an election for absentee voting.

### For more information go to:



[www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). If you want to make sure you are registered or see your polling location or view your sample ballot



**VOTE411.ORG**  
ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

If you want to see the League of Women Voters' information about candidates.



[www.turbotvote.org](http://www.turbotvote.org). If you want to receive election reminders about when and where to vote and what is on the ballot.