

MICHIGAN VOTER RIGHTS

Registration. You must register to vote **at least 30 days before** the election or by October 9, 2006.

Application. At your precinct on election day, you must fill out an application to vote form showing your name, address, and month and date of birth. If this information matches that on the precinct voter list you have the right to receive a ballot and to vote.

No Identification Required. You do not have to show identification of any kind, including a photo ID, unless you are voting for the first time and you registered to vote by mail, in which case you are required to verify your identity with a photo ID card, and your address. You do not have to show your voter identification card.

Right to Vote if Your Name is Missing. If your name is not on the voter list at the precinct where you go to vote, you have the right to assistance to determine what precinct you are registered in and you should go there to vote. If you are in the wrong precinct you have the right to vote a provisional ballot but it will not be counted.

Right to Vote Free from Harassment. You have the right to vote without being harassed by anyone, including being asked about child support, debts or any other matter. The election officials have the obligation to protect you from harassment.

Right to Use a Sample Ballot, Endorsement List or Slate Card. You have a right to take these into the polling booth.

Right to Vote a Straight Party Ticket. You have the right to vote a straight party ticket if you so choose.

Right to Vote a Secret Ballot. You have the right to vote a secret ballot.

Right to Vote if in Line when Polls Close. If you are standing in line when the polls close, you have the right to vote.

Right to Instructions and Sample Ballot. You have the rights to see a sample ballot and to ask for and receive instructions on all aspects of the voting process.

Right to Vote Privately if you are Disabled. If you are blind or disabled you have the right to vote privately and without assistance by using new machines specifically designed for your use, which should be in every polling place.

Right to Assistance. If you are unable to read or write or you want assistance you have the right to be assisted in the voting booth by a person of your choosing, so long as the person is not your employer, your employer's agent, or an officer or agent in your union.

Right to Correct Mistakes. You have the right to a new ballot if you make mistakes on your ballot. If the ballot counting machine rejects your ballot because of errors you have the right to receive a new ballot and vote again.

Right to Take Your Time. You have the right to as much time as you need. Your voting time cannot be arbitrarily limited.

Right of Felons to Vote. Felons have the right to vote if not in prison.

Right to Vote if Challenged. Others can challenge your right to vote, based only on reliable information that you are ineligible because you are not 18, not a United States citizen, or not a resident of the jurisdiction where you are voting. If you are challenged, you will be questioned by the elections inspector, and if you swear truthfully to the facts of your eligibility you have the right to receive and vote a challenged ballot. It will be identified as a challenged ballot by a marking on the back but it will be tabulated along with all other ballots.

Right to Vote if You have Moved. If you have moved within 60 days of the election and have not changed your registration, you have the right to vote one last time in the precinct where you are registered, if you have proper identification and also fill out a cancellation of your old registration and an application for registration at your new address. If you have moved within the same city or township you will only have to fill out an election day change of address notice.

Know Your Voting Rights!

Exercise Your Right To Vote!

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